

April 20, 2015

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1218 and 1219 of the House Journal and pages 922 and 923 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1056 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study of the consolidation of elections and a legislative management study of statutory references to political subdivisions;"

Page 1, line 19, replace "after receipt of a petition" with "and approval"

Page 1, line 19, replace "residing within the district" with "voting on the question at an annual or special meeting of electors called by the board of directors"

Page 1, line 20, after the underscored period insert "If an election to approve or reauthorize an excess levy will be held at an annual or special meeting of electors of the district called by the board of directors, notice of the meeting and the proposed excess levy election must be provided by at least one publication in the official newspaper of each county in which the district is located at least seven days, but not more than fourteen days, before the date of the public meeting. The published notice must include the amount of the proposed tax rate increase in mills and the duration for which elector approval of the increase is sought and must include the location where, and hours during which, ballots may be cast.

Votes to approve or disapprove the levy increase must be cast on the date of the meeting. The polling place must remain open for at least six hours on the date of the meeting. The secretary-treasurer of the district shall prepare and distribute to qualified electors at the polling place paper ballots to conduct the election on the question of increased levy authority. Three election judges to receive and count the ballots, who are qualified electors of the district but not members of the board, must be selected at least seven days before the meeting by approval of a majority of the members of the board. A marked ballot must be delivered to one of the judges, folded to conceal its contents, the judge shall deposit it in the ballot box, and another judge shall enter the name of the elector who cast the ballot in the poll book. When the election is closed, the judges shall count the ballots and announce the result. Results of the election must be certified by the secretary-treasurer of the district and each of the election judges to the tax commissioner and to the county auditor of each county in which the district is located within ten days after the election. The certificate must include a statement of the question as it appeared on the ballot, together with the total number of votes cast in favor, and the number of votes cast against, authorizing the excess levy."

Page 1, line 21, remove "petition of"

Page 1, line 22, replace "eight" with "ten"

Page 1, line 22, overstrike "No signature on the petition may be considered valid"

Page 1, line 23, overstrike "if made more than ninety days prior to receipt of the petition."

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY- CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and school district elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other specified dates during any year. If the legislative management conducts the study, the legislative management shall seek input and participation from the secretary of state; representatives of cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions; and representatives of political parties. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATUTORY REFERENCES TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying statutory usage of various references to political subdivisions and the feasibility of differentiating references to political subdivisions based on whether the governing body is elected or appointed. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly