

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Macpherson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Prozanski

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the B-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed C-Engrossed

Vote: 14 – 5 – 3

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Jenson, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields
– Nays: Garrard, Hanna
– Exc: Morgan

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Brown, Courtney, Devlin, Johnson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund
– Nays: Morse, Nelson, Whitsett
– Exc: Gordly, Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/23/07

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Sets November 6, 2007 as the date for a statewide special election for the purpose of two legislative referrals. Refers HB 3540 and SJR 4 to the November 6, 2007 special election. Refers HJR 49, HJR 50 and SJR 18 to the May 2008 primary election. Refers HJR 4, HJR 15 and HJR 31 to the November 2008 general election. Establishes the ballot titles, explanatory statements and financial impact statements for the eight referrals. Effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriation to Secretary of State for special election costs is included in the Emergency Fund
- Process for establishing ballot titles and explanatory statements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Inserts specific language for financial impact statements, deletes the General Fund appropriation to the Secretary of State for costs of the special election, and modifies the explanatory statement for HJR 50.

BACKGROUND: The statute requires that election ballots to which initiatives or referrals have been qualified carry a ballot title, an explanatory statement and a financial impact statement regarding state or local governments' expenditures and revenue. These are prepared by either special committees described in statute, or by the Legislative Assembly.