

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Buckley, Hunt, Shields, Rosenbaum
Nays:	Berger, Esquivel, Thatcher
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Secretary of State to number measures to be voted on by state in a certain order. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Tradition of legislative referrals appearing first on the ballot
- Statute is unclear about legislative referrals appearing first

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Specifies that the order of initiatives and referenda depends on when petitions are filed, not certified.

BACKGROUND: Current statute requires the Secretary of State to number measures to be voted on by the state in consecutive order and that no number be repeated during an election. The numbers for each election are to begin with the number after the last number from the previous election. Current law also requires the secretary to assign numbers in the order in which the measures are filled whether they are legislative referrals, citizen initiatives or referenda.

Provisions of this measure establish an order by which measures will be numbered: 1) constitutional amendments referred by the Legislative Assembly in the order filed with the Secretary of State; 2) statutory measures referred by the Legislative Assembly in the order filed with the Secretary of State; 3) initiative or referendum petitions in the order certified to the ballot by the Secretary of State.