

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Kruse, Morse, Hass

Nays: Metsger

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/16, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes requirement that county assessors and county surveyors be elected. Allows county charters to require election or appointment of county assessors and surveyors. Removes appointed assessors and surveyors from requirement that they be residents of the county where they serve. Removes county assessors and county surveyors from recall provisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability to conduct a broad search for qualified candidates
- Philosophy of voter responsibilities
- Duties of appointed versus elected assessors
- Number of elected surveyors
- Campaign contributors to surveyors
- County option to continue to require that assessors and surveyors be elected

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes appointed assessors and surveyors from requirement that they be residents of the county where they serve.

BACKGROUND: Currently, county assessors and surveyors are elected. Under Senate Bill 344A, for counties other than those under a county charter, county assessors and surveyors would be appointed and begin their term upon the date of appointment. Appointed assessors and surveyors would have to meet statutory qualifications in order to be eligible for appointment. Counties under a county charter could require county assessors and surveyors to be elected and would provide for their qualifications within the county charter.