

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes specific dates for elections on county, city, and district measures that are not referred to people by county governing body, city governing body or district elections authority. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current timeline for local governing body to hold election for initiative or referendum
- Cost of special election to local governing body
- Turnout for special elections in relationship to primary or general election
- Limitation on local elections to even-numbered years
- Process for conducting local government election on referendum

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-1 amendment: Directs local government initiative and referenda to May and November elections in odd and even numbered years.

BACKGROUND: Counties, cities, and districts can submit measures to voters' for their approval or rejection. Currently, no county, city or district measure shall be held on any date other than: the second Tuesday in March; the third Tuesday in May; the third Tuesday in September; or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, unless the relevant governing authority calls for a special election.

House Bill 2957 establishes that unless a governing body, by resolution, finds that an emergency exists and an election needs to be held before the next statutorily prescribed election dates, may the governing body conduct a special election on a referred measure from the governing body.