

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 6/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires City of Damascus to surrender its charter, disincorporate and cease to exist on 61 day after election. Requires city to satisfy all outstanding legal debts and obligations and expend all moneys as provided by law and to convey all real property and tangible and intangible personal property to Clackamas County 30 days after election. Refers Act to people of City of Damascus for their approval or rejection at next general election held throughout the state. Requires a majority of the voters voting on Act to approve law.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-2 amendment: If approved by majority of voters in Damacus, voting on Act at special election conducted on same date as next primary election, city must surrender its charter, disincorporate and cease to exist 60 days after election. No sooner than the 30th day after election, city must satisfy all debts, obligations, liabilities, expenses, transfer real property, tangible and intangible personal property and moneys to Clackamas County.

BACKGROUND: In November 2013, 63 percent of Damascus residents which cast a ballot voted to disincorporate, however, Damascus officials interpreted state law to mean that a successful vote to disincorporate required a majority of all registered voters in Damascus, so the 2013 measure ultimately failed.

House Bill 3085 would put disincorporation to a vote which would be decided by a majority of the voters voting on this Act. If passed, the City of Damascus would cease to exist 60 days after the election. The measure would require the city to satisfy all outstanding legal debts and obligations and expend all remaining moneys as provided by law and to convey all real property and tangible and intangible personal property to Clackamas County 30 days after the election.