

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

SB 1586

Relating to voting

On February 24th, the General Government Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of SB 1586, with amendments.

The bill directs the Secretary of State to ensure that there is, at least one location designated as an official ballot drop site, within four miles of the main campus of public universities and community colleges.

Public universities and community colleges are directed to increase voter registration access and information by undertaking the following:

1. Display a link, on school websites, to the Secretary of State's voter registration tool.
2. Give student government an opportunity to provide nonpartisan voter registration information during orientations, welcome events, and resident life activities.
3. Provide contact information of school faculty that permit nonpartisan voter classroom presentations.
4. Provide opportunities for students to offer nonpartisan voter registration services.
5. Work with local county elections offices, prior to elections, to obtain address information of students living in campus housing; and schools must provide to receive ballots and make information available to school's official student government.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 1586 be amended by the -A7 amendment, and be reported out do pass.