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**To:** Capital Construction Subcommittee

**From:** Steven Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** July 3, 2017

**Subject:** SB 229 – Relating to elections  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 229-B makes numerous changes to election law. These changes are listed in the preliminary staff measure summary, and do not have more than a minimal fiscal impact to the Secretary of State or counties.

The bill also provides that if any bills passed during the current session are referred to voters by referendum petition, a special election on the question will be held on January 23, 2018. Absent this provision, the question would be decided in the November 2018 General Election.

### **Recommended Changes**

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends adoption of the -B14 amendments. These amendments limit the special election to only a referendum on HB 2391. If any other measures are referred to voters by referendum petition, the question will be decided at the November 2018 General Election. The amendments also delete the blank appropriation to the Emergency Board in the bill. The fiscal impact of the special election is indeterminate. The Secretary of State budget does not include funding for a special election. If a special election is held, the Secretary of State will request funds either during the 2018 session, or from the Emergency Board following that session, after the election costs are known.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -B14 amendment to SB 229. (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 229, as amended by the -B14 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move SB 229, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_