

**SB 229**

**Relating to elections**

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SB 229 makes numerous changes to election law. These changes do not have more than a minimal fiscal impact to the Secretary of State or counties.

The bill also provides that if HB 2391 is 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 at the November 2018 General Election.

The fiscal impact of the potential special election is indeterminate. The Secretary of State budget, however, does not include funding for a special election. If a special election is held, the Secretary of State will request funds to cover the costs; either during the 2018 session, or from the Emergency Board following that session, after the election costs are known.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 229 be amended by the –B14 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.