

HB 2696 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. McKeown

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/20/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows community college district measures related to bonding to be included in state voters' pamphlet if county does not print and distribute voters' pamphlet for election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs of producing county voters' pamphlet
- Definition of community college district as special district for purpose of voters' pamphlet
- Role of voters' pamphlet in voter awareness of community college bond measure
- Options for special district, if no voters' pamphlet is produced

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary of State produces a state voters' pamphlet for each primary and general election that provides information about candidates and measures that will be on the upcoming ballot. This pamphlet also includes instructions for marking the ballot, a complete list of federal and state candidates, and other information to assist in the voting process. One copy of the voters' pamphlet is mailed to every household in the state. Additional copies are available at the Secretary of State's office, local post offices, courthouses and all county elections offices.

A county clerk may also prepare and distribute a local voters' pamphlet with information about local candidates and measures. To save on mailing and production costs, a county that prepares a local pamphlet may enter into an agreement with the state to insert the local pamphlet into the state voters' pamphlet. If a county does *not* produce a local pamphlet, county and local government candidates, including metropolitan service district candidates and city candidates in cities with populations over 50,000, are eligible to appear in the state voters' pamphlet.

House Bill 2696-A allows community college district bonding measures to be included in the state voters' pamphlet if the county does not print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet.