

**HB 2873 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Smith Warner

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/18/17

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

**Vote:** 8-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

**Nays:** 1 - Kennemer

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires county election official file with Secretary of State (SOS) on behalf of governing body of municipal corporation, notice of ballot measure involving local option tax or general obligation bond. Requires information filed by county election official to be published by SOS on ORESTAR.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current system of public notice for local measures
- Easy and timely public access to information about local measure
- Centralized and standardized source of information

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Requires chief elections officer for city, county or district, to file materials with appropriate county elections officer if municipal corporation places local option tax measure or general obligation bond measure on ballot. Directs county elections official to file copy of related materials with Secretary of State for publication on ORESTAR.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, there is no centralized source for the public to research and review local option tax measures or general obligation bond measures that will be considered by voters on an upcoming ballot. To obtain information about upcoming local option tax measures or general obligation bond measures, a person must call each county elections office.

House Bill 2873-A requires the governing body of a county, city, port, school district, union high school district, community college district or any other public or quasi-public corporation, including a municipal utility or dock commission operated by a separate board or commission, that places a local option tax measure or a general obligation bond measure on a ballot, to submit information about the measure to the appropriate county elections officer, to file with Secretary of State for publication on ORESTAR.