

SB 116 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Minority Report

Action Date: 06/12/19

Action: Do pass with different amendments. Requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Brian Boquist

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Meeting Dates: 6/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Secretary of State to conduct study of special elections held since January 1, 2015. Requires study to include whether elections create barriers to franchise, including financial impact on state and counties and whether elections create disproportionate impact on members of protected class, veterans, persons with a disability, and rural and nonurban voters. Requires report to Legislative Assembly by January 1, 2021. Sunsets on January 2, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Informed electorate
- Transparency and divergence from statutory process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: