

SB 691 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Secretary of State to ensure that county election officials conduct election recounts conducted in more than one county or involving nomination or election of member of Legislative Assembly in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws. Clarifies certain aspects of the recount process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires Secretary of State (SOS) to ensure that county election officials conduct election recounts for federal offices, statewide offices, and statewide measures in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws. Requires the county clerk(s) to notify the SOS about the date, time, and location of the recount and information about all aspects of the process. Clarifies certain aspects of the recount process.

BACKGROUND:

Current law requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to be responsible for ensuring that the procedures used for conducting election recounts assure an accurate recount in the shortest time at the least expense, and that the SOS may determine the most appropriate procedures for multiple simultaneous recounts. Senate Bill 691 requires the SOS to ensure that county elections officials conduct multi-county recounts or those involving nomination or election of a state Senator or state Representative in a manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and in accordance with all applicable laws.