

## **SB 1527 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Rules**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Corrects statutory reference from "return identification envelope" to "secrecy envelope."

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-2 Allows Secretary of State (SOS) to notify affected candidates by email if recount demand is filed. Extends deadline for recall petition to be filed, from 100th day after filing prospective petition to 120th day. Extends deadline for SOS to verify recall petition signatures, from 10th day after recall petition filed to 30th day. Extends deadline for SOS and Attorney General to notify subjects of filed complaint, from 48 hours to three business days. Lowers threshold of complaints received involving multiple parties within requisite timeframe that triggers a three-business-day response, from 25 or more to 10 or more, and increases requisite timeframe, from 24 hours to 48 hours. Extends deadline for when recount demand and supplemental demand may be filed, to align with current statute. Extends timeline that individuals nominated or elected by write-in votes who are elected to office have to respond to nomination or election, to align with current statute. Allows filing officers to send notice to write-in candidates via email only, if address is available. Extends write-in candidate deadlines for precinct committeeperson elections, to align with current statute. Updates term of precinct committeeperson, to align with current statute. Requires SOS to ensure county election officials conduct election recounts for federal and statewide offices and statewide measures in manner that is consistent, transparent, accurate, and pursuant to all applicable laws. Requires county clerk to notify SOS about date, time, and location of recount and information about all aspects of process. Clarifies certain aspects of recount process.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 27 (2021) provided that a county clerk or other filing officer is not required to provide a secrecy envelope for a ballot if the Secretary of State has approved different procedures to ensure secrecy. House Bill 3291 A (2021) amended the authorizing statute by adding the term "return identification" to describe the type of envelope, instead of "secrecy."

Senate Bill 1527 corrects the statutory reference from "return identification" envelope to "secrecy" envelope.