

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 21 By Senator Guillory

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Constitutional amendment to provide for prefiling and notice deadlines for bills affecting public retirement systems. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Revised proposed constitutional language.
2. Revised ballot language.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present constitution (Art. 3, Sec. 2(A)(2)) provides that any bill to be introduced in either house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session; thereafter no member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature. The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that:

- (a) No member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills that were not prefiled, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.
- (b) Except as provided in (c), any bill that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.
- (c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement system for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.
- (d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

Present constitution (Art. 10, Sec. 29(C)) provides that no proposal to effect any change in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for public employees shall be introduced in the legislature unless notice of intention to introduce the proposal has been published, without cost to the state, in the official state journal on two separate days. The last day of publication shall be at least 30 days before introduction of the bill. The notice shall state the substance of the contemplated law or proposal, and the bill shall contain a recital that the notice has been given.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes 30 days to 60 days and retains remainder of present constitution.

Present constitution (Art. 13, Sec. 1(A)) provides that an amendment to the constitution may be proposed by joint resolution at any regular session of the legislature, but the resolution shall be prefiled, at least ten days before the beginning of the session, in accordance with the rules of the house in which introduced.

Proposed constitutional amendment adds exception that any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature which effects any change in constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for public employees shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the 45th calendar day prior to the first day of session.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides ballot language:

"Do you support an amendment to require legislation effecting any change to laws concerning retirement systems for public employees that is to be prefiled to be filed no later than forty-five days before the start of a regular legislative session and to require the completion of public notice requirements regarding legislation effecting such a change no later than sixty days before introduction of the bill?"

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2012.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(2), Art. X, §29(C), and Art. XIII, §1(A))

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