
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 82

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

ELECTIONS/BOND & TAX: Requires disclosure and publication of costs for bond, debt, and tax elections

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed the requirement to include the estimated cost of the election in the pre-election notice.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that the estimated cost of the election determined by the secretary of state also be based upon actual costs of similar elections.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 18:1400.1 et seq.) provides relative to the election costs to be paid by the secretary of state and governing authorities and provides the manner in which such expenses may be prorated between the state and all local entities participating in the election.

Present law further requires that notice of the election shall be given and provides for the content of the notice. Provides that notice of the election shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official journal of the political subdivision, or, if there is none, then in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish. Provides that not less than 45 days nor more than 90 days shall intervene between the date of the first publication and the date of the election.

Proposed law further requires the notice to contain the estimated cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state based upon the provisions of present law and actual costs of similar elections.

Present law requires the governing authority to promulgate the result of the election by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or, if there is none, in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish or, if there is no newspaper of general circulation in the parish, then in a newspaper of general circulation in an adjoining parish.

Proposed law adds a requirement that the governing authority include in the publication a statement of the actual cost of the election as determined by the secretary of state in accordance with present law.

Provides that the provisions of proposed law are applicable to all bond, debt, and tax elections called after Sept. 23, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 18:1292; Adds R.S. 18:1285(A)(1)(a)(v))