



BILL and Amendment SUMMARY

School Board Elections 2406

Status of Bill: House Calendar
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Background

Currently, school board elections are held in September. A city election is held in the month of November.

Summary

The bill moves the election date for a regular school board election to coincide with the date of the city election, moving the school board election from the month of September to November. The bill also makes administrative changes for the community college and Area Education Agency (AEA) board of directors. Including: Organization Meetings, changes to number of board member deadlines, and notice for elections deadlines.

This also makes administrative changes that will be needed once the school board elections are changed. The legislation does a number of things:

1. Combines administrative requirements for city and school elections. Including filing and withdrawing a candidacy.
2. The combining of special election dates for city and school elections.
3. Uniform Election Day poll hours. 7am to 8pm.
4. Combines city and school election polling place location to the same as general if practical.
5. County auditor control, each county auditor controls their voters in their precinct then sends to the controlling auditor for a 2nd Canvass.
6. Ballot orders are currently determined by a rotation, this amendment changes to drawing lots for location on a ballot. Also allows someone to be on a ballot twice if running for both the city council and school board.
7. Clarifies merged areas (Community Colleges) organizational meeting as well as area education agencies. (AEA) from October to November
8. The canvass of a runoff election is required to do it on the Thursday following the election.

Amendment Summary

Amendment H-8061 by Hunter

This is a strike after amendment that directs the Secretary of State to convene a task force to look into increased school board election participation. The task force includes 4 county auditors, two from large population counties and two from small population counties, two members from a board of directors from a merged area (community colleges), a school board member from a large student population district and another from a small student population district, as well as two members of the House and Senate to serve as non-voting members.