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Tim Burns   HB No. 1211

Abstract: Extends by five days the period during which no precinct change may be made or annexation implemented and requires specified information concerning any such precinct change or annexation to be submitted five days earlier.

Present law (R.S. 18:532.1(E)) provides that a precinct shall not be changed, and no precinct shall be established or altered in any way, including alphabetical division by voter surname, and no annexation shall be implemented during a specified time period. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the time period commences on the date the qualifying period opens and ends on the date of the general election. Proposed law provides that the time period commences on the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens, instead of the date the qualifying period opens. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that for an election which is exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions and for no other kind of election, a precinct shall not be changed during the period commencing on the 46th day prior to the election and ending on the date of the election.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that no precinct change or annexation that is made prior to the date the qualifying period opens shall become effective for the election unless certain specified information is received by the secretary of state prior to the date the qualifying period opens.

Proposed law provides that the information must be submitted prior to the fifth business day prior to the date the qualifying period opens, instead of the day the qualifying period opens. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that in the case of an election exclusively for bonds, taxes, and other propositions or questions, no precinct change or annexation that is made prior to the 46th day before the election shall become effective for the election unless certain specified information is received by the secretary of state prior to the 46th day before the election.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law specifies information that must be submitted concerning a precinct change or annexation, including a copy of the ordinance adopting the change and a copy of the map showing the new precinct boundaries and designations together with a written description of such boundaries. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a statement of no objection to the change from the U.S. attorney general to also be submitted. Proposed law repeals present law and instead requires the submission of notice of preclearance if required pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(Amends R.S. 18:532.1(E))