
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires any bill which calls a special election or which proposes to submit a proposition or question to the voters to be recommitted to Civil Law & Procedure.

Present House Rule (House Rule 6.8) requires the recommitment of certain legislative instruments including constitutional amendments (Civil Law & Procedure); resolutions proposing certain studies (House and Governmental Affairs); the Capital Outlay Bill (Appropriations); the MFP concurrent resolution (Appropriations); special funds (Appropriations); Senate instruments with a fiscal cost of \$500,000 or more (Appropriations); Senate instruments with a net decrease in fees or a net increase in fees or taxes of \$500,000 or more (Ways & Means); public records exceptions (House and Governmental Affairs); and provisions to join an interstate compact (House and Governmental Affairs).

Proposed House Rule adds requirement that a bill which calls a special election or which proposes to submit a question or proposition to the voters, if reported by the committee of first referral, to be recommitted to Committee on Civil Law & Procedure, adds a specific provision that the committee shall study all legislative instruments (joint resolutions & bills) recommitted to it to ensure that the ballot language is comprised of simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language which conforms to all applicable laws and shall review the proposed election date at which the proposition or question is to be submitted to the voters to ensure maximum voter turnout, to the extent practicable; otherwise, retains present House Rule.

(Amends House Rule 6.8(A))