
DIGEST

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HR No. 6

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 the Committee on Civil Law & Procedure and further requires the adoption of a motion to authorize the approval of providing tax relief resulting in a net loss of revenue to the state by a favorable vote of at least 60 members prior to any motion to finally pass certain legislative instruments.

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); specials 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 the Committee on Civil Law & Procedure, adds a specific provision that the committee shall study all legislative instruments (joint resolutions and 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.

Proposed House Rule further provides that prior to any motion the effect of which is to finally pass a legislative instrument which provides a tax exemption, exclusion, deduction, rebate, incentive, abatement, or credit, regardless of how titled or designated, and which results in an estimated net loss of revenue to the state according to the fiscal note prepared in accordance with present House Rules, the House shall adopt a motion to authorize the approval of providing tax relief resulting in a net loss of revenue to the state by a favorable vote of at least 60 members.

(Amends House Rule 6.8(A); Adds House Rule 7.20)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

to the original resolution.

1. Adds provision requiring the adoption of a motion to authorize the approval of providing tax relief resulting in a net loss of revenue to the state by a favorable vote of at least 60 members prior to any motion to finally pass specified legislative instruments.