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## DIGEST

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HB No. 444

**Abstract:** Requires an electronic copy of the executive budget be made available to members of the legislature 14 days prior to submission of the executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. Further provides for changes to the electronic and written submission of the supporting document.

Present law requires the governor to submit the executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) 45 days prior to each regular session of the legislature; however during the first year of the governor's term, the executive budget shall be submitted to the JLCB 30 days prior to the regular session. Present law requires a printed copy of the executive budget be made available to each member of the legislature on the first day of each regular session.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a requirement that, except for the first year of each term, the governor provide an electronic copy of the executive budget to each member of the legislature 14 days prior to the submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law requires the governor to submit supporting documentation through electronic media to JLCB at the same time that he submits the executive budget to the committee.

Proposed law changes the required time for the supporting document through electronic media from the same time as he submits his executive budget to the JLCB to the time an electronic copy of the budget is made available to each member of the legislature. Proposed law further provides that during the first year of each term, the supporting document shall be submitted electronically at the same time the governor submits his executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law provides for a 15 day period following the electronic submission of the supporting document for technical corrections to the supporting document. During the first year of each term, such period is limited to seven days.

Proposed law clarifies that the time period for technical corrections follows the availability and submission of the executive budget to conform with proposed law. Proposed law further clarifies that during the first year of each term, such period shall be limited to seven days following the submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

Present law requires a written copy of the supporting document be provided to the JLCB 15 days after the submission of the executive budget to the committee. During the first year of each term,

such period shall be limited to seven days.

Proposed law changes the required time a written copy of the supporting document is provided to the JLCB from 15 days after the governor submits his executive budget to the committee to 15 days after the governor makes an electronic copy of the executive budget available to each member of the legislature. Proposed law further clarifies that during the first year of each term, such written copy must be provided no later than seven days after submission of the executive budget to the JLCB.

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