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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires electronic notifications regarding ballots submitted by the Interim Emergency Board to the legislature for changes to capital outlay project priorities or descriptions. Requires new balloting if ballots are not returned by at least 70 House members and 26 Senators.

Present law authorizes changes in the priority for any capital outlay project or adjustment to a project description of any capital outlay project if the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) determines such change is necessary and the change is approved by a majority vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed law requires the IEB to notify members of the legislature via e-mail on the same day ballots are distributed to the members. Notification shall include information on the proposed ballot, the vote requirement for passage of items on the ballot, the deadline for returning ballots, and other pertinent information.

Present law requires ballots to be delivered to members if the legislature is in session and requires ballots to be returned to the IEB by 5:00 on the fifth day after the date on which the ballots were delivered. Requires ballots to be mailed to members if the legislature is not in session and requires ballots to be returned by 5:00 PM on the fifteenth day after the date the ballots were mailed.

Proposed law requires notification to members via e-mail on the fourth day after the date the ballots were delivered when the legislature is in session and on the thirteenth day after the date the ballots were mailed if the legislature is not in session. Notification shall indicate whether or not the ballot has been received.

Proposed law requires all ballots to be invalidated if ballots are not submitted on time by at least 70 members of the House and 26 members of the Senate. New ballots shall be mailed or delivered to all members in accordance with present law.

(Amends R.S. 39:461.4(C)(1); Adds R.S. 39:461.4(B)(3) and (C)(3))