

SB 116
Relating to elections

SB 116 outlines requirements in the event that a measure passed by the Legislature this session is referred to voters by referendum petition. Specifically, the measure provides that if HB 3427 is referred, then a special election is to be held on January 21, 2020. All other measures that are referred are to be voted on during the general election in November 2020.

For special elections, the Secretary of State would incur administrative costs and would need to reimburse counties for the costs of the election. Based on previous special elections, the Secretary of State estimates costs of about \$3.5 million General Fund if one occurs in January 2020. The Secretary of State would need to return during the 2020 session or future meeting of the Emergency Board to request funds to cover the actual costs incurred in the event a special election takes place.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 116 be amended by the -A4 amendment and reported out do pass, as amended.