SB 224 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Holvey

House Committee On Rules

Action Date:	06/29/19
Action:	Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote:	5-1-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson
Nays:	1 - Wilson
Fiscal:	Fiscal impact issued
Revenue:	No revenue impact
Prepared By:	Josh Nasbe, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	6/20, 6/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates obligation of county clerk to classify elector as inactive when elector neither votes nor updates registration within five-year period. Modifies signature requirements applicable to nominating petitions for statewide office. Requires the production and circulation of local recall petitions to conform to the requirements applicable to state recall petitions. Modifies process by which major and minor political parties may obtain certain lists of electors. Classifies a community college and a 9-1-1 communication district as special districts for purposes of election law. Expressly authorizes submission of written request for military or overseas ballot by postal mail, electronic mail, facsimile machine or by other means identified by Secretary of State by rule. Limits the obligation of the Secretary of State to provide county clerks with randomized alphabet to those ballots that include a contested race. Modifies timing associated with determining the number of votes each county commission may cast in filing legislative vacancy. Reenacts House Bill 2491 (2019). Extends sunset on calculation applicable to determination of major and minor political party status from November 6, 2018 to November 3, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In many legislative sessions, the Secretary of State brings forward an omnibus election-related bill. Historically, the purpose of this bill has ranged from resolving statutory contradictions and aligning statutory time periods to clarifying legislative intent and repealing outdated statutes. Senate Bill 224 is the Secretary's omnibus election-related bill for the 2019 session.