

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 3021**

#### **Relating to multilingual election materials**

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To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	General Government Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Bynum

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HB 3021 directs the Secretary of State to create and make publicly available a list of the five most common languages spoken, other than English, by residents of the state and each county. Voters' pamphlets must include, in each listed language, the website address for the translated voters' pamphlet, candidate statements, and arguments for and against ballot measures. The measure establishes the Translation Advisory Council, which will consist of five at-large members and at least one translator member for each listed language. Council members are entitled to per diem compensation, currently calculated at \$30 per day, and may receive actual and necessary travel or other expenses. The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die and applies to voters' pamphlets distributed on or after June 30, 2022.

The Subcommittee recommends an appropriation of \$683,603 General Fund to the Secretary of State, as reflected in the amendment, to implement the measure. The appropriation will be used to translate state and county voters' pamphlets and make them available on the Secretary of State and county websites; and to hire two positions (1.83 FTE) in the 2021-23 biennium, including a full-time, limited duration Program Analyst 3 to assist with promulgating new administrative rules, and a permanent, full-time Administrative Specialist 2 to support the work of the Translation Advisory Council.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 3021 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.