

SESSION OF 2003

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 102**

As Agreed to March 31, 2003

Brief *

SB 102 amends the state election laws dealing with provisional ballots, changing the date of the Presidential Preference Primary, the names of political parties, and changing the effective date of annexation ordinances.

The bill amends the state election laws to require a voter to vote a provisional replacement ballot any time after the advance voting ballot has been requested, but not used. If a voter casts a provisional ballot intended for a precinct other than the precinct in which the voter resides, but located within the same county, the canvassers are required to count those races on the provisional ballots that are common to both precincts.

The bill removes the two-word restriction on the names of political parties and authorizes the Secretary of State to determine if the name of the political party seeking recognition is unreasonably lengthy or similar to an existing party name. Prohibition of a political party having a name that is similar to another party is current law.

The bill changes the date for the next Presidential Preference Primary from 2004 to 2008.

The bill allows the county election officer to move the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary to the Monday following the election if a notice is published prior to the canvass in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

The bill also amends the city annexation law to change the effective date of annexation ordinances. Current law provides the

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ordinance is effective upon publication unless the date is within 30 days of a primary or general election. The bill extends this 30-day provision to 60 days.

Background

The Conference Committee amended the provisions of SB 95 dealing with the Presidential Preference Primary and the names of political party, into SB 102. They also amended a provision of HB 2212 dealing with the effective date of annexation ordinances into SB 102.