

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25006

The legislation will remove the restriction of city initiative and referendum elections to only be held in odd-numbered years. Currently, allowing initiatives and referenda only in odd years causes residents to sometimes wait for nearly two years to undo or change an existing ordinance. Allowing an initiative or referendum in any year will help local government be more responsive to citizens' proposals.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the state General Fund because this is a procedural change and requires no additional actions by any state agency. On the occasions where an initiative or referendum is called by the citizens, the election will occur with other elections that year, so there should be minimal or no additional costs to local governments to allow elections in even years as well. It has no fiscal impact because the amendment is consistent with current legislative practices.

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