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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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Reps. Terwilleger, O'Brien

BILL SUMMARY

- Provides that only a simple majority, rather than 55% of voters, is required to pass certain property tax levies at elections held on a day other than the day of a primary or general election.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Supermajority vote required for some property tax questions

(sec. 5705.191)

Under current law, some kinds of property tax levies may be placed on the ballot on the day of a general election (November), a primary election (every other May, or March in Presidential election years), or a special election held in February or August. If the levy question appears on the general or primary election ballot, only a simple majority affirmative vote is required for passage. But levies appearing on special election ballots require a 55% affirmative vote for passage, unless the levy is for community mental retardation and developmental disability programs.

Eliminate supermajority requirement for property tax questions at special elections

The bill requires that only a simple majority affirmative vote is required for passage of levies appearing on special election ballots.

The levies affected by the bill are levies placed on the ballot by taxing authorities for any of the purposes enumerated in section 5705.19 (other than for school district purposes) and for certain classes of general fund expenditures, such as public assistance or health. Section 5705.19 enumerates most of the purposes for which taxing authorities may levy property taxes.

HISTORY

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