

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 100

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S.R. No. 1249

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 100 (adoption of certain voting procedures and certain elections, including provisions necessary to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, deadlines for declaration of candidacy and dates for certain elections, and terms of certain election officials) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rule 12.03(3) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement in proposed SECTION 5 of the bill, added Section 41.0052(c), Election Code, and in proposed SECTION 44 of the bill, amended Section 11.059(e), Education Code:

(c) . . . The change contained in the resolution supersedes a city charter provision . . . that requires the terms of members of the governing body to be staggered.

(e) . . . The resolution must provide for staggered terms [~~a term~~] of either three or four years and specify the manner in which the transition from the length of the former term to the modified term is made. . . .

Explanation: The changes are necessary to allow for a home-rule municipal charter provision that requires the use of

staggered terms to elect members of the governing body of the municipality to be superseded by a resolution, and to require staggered terms for the trustees of the board of trustees of an independent school district.

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 51 of the bill:

SECTION 51. The following are repealed:

(1) Section 41.0053, Election Code;

. . .

Explanation: The change is necessary to repeal the required use of an election date by certain political subdivisions.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate