

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, there is no provision requiring the state and local municipalities to have differing names or numbered propositions on the ballot during the same election cycle. This often leads to confusion and uncertainty for the average voter. S.B. 957 allows the secretary of state to set their proposition numbering system for an election first and then prohibits any local municipality from using the same numbering or identifying system.

As proposed, S.B. 957 amends current law relating to the numbering of propositions on the ballot.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 52.095, Election Code, as follows:

Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a). Creates this subsection from existing text and makes no further changes to this subsection.

(b) Requires that each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot be assigned a unique number on the ballot.

(c) Requires the secretary of state to prescribe procedures necessary to implement this section (Propositions).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.