

Amend **CSSB 2** (house committee report) on page 41 by striking lines 11 through 15 and substituting the following appropriately numbered sections:

SECTION _____. (a) At the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, the voters shall be permitted to vote in a statewide referendum on the question of whether the state should establish an education savings account program as provided by this Act.

(b) Notice of the election shall be given by inclusion of the proposition in the proclamation by the governor ordering an election on any proposed constitutional amendment to the state constitution and in the notice of that election given by each county judge, or, if no constitutional amendment is proposed, the governor shall order and each county judge shall give notice for an election proposing the referendum required by this section.

(c) The proposition shall be printed on the ballot above any proposed constitutional amendment under the heading: "Referendum Proposition."

(d) The ballot for the referendum shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "Should the state establish an education savings account program to provide parents of eligible children money originating from the taxpayers in this state for the purposes of providing primary or secondary education to the parents' children through private schools, home schools, or other private education services?"

(e) Returns of the votes cast on the proposition shall be made and canvassed in the same manner as the returns on a proposed constitutional amendment.

(f) Immediately after the governor certifies the results of the election, the secretary of state shall transmit a copy of the certification to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of the legislature.

SECTION _____. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026, but only if a majority of the votes cast in the statewide referendum under this Act are in favor of the state establishing an education savings account program. If that ballot proposition is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.