

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The Conference Committee Substitute for HB3232 provides that a determination of whether a federal law, regulation, order, or other official action would substantially modify or supersede state voter registration or election administration procedures will be made by the Attorney General with concurrence of the Secretary of the State Election Board. The determination will be made in writing and state the reasoning. The CCS also creates a committee to propose changes to how state, county, and other non-federal elections are conducted in the case that federal elections are held separately. The committee membership and procedures are outlined in the measure. A report of proposed recommendations will be submitted to the President Pro Temp of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor within sixty days of a determination made. The recommendations will be enacted by the Legislature, unless the Legislature is not in session, in which case the committee may temporarily modify election dates and other associated dates in deadlines to make sure no other election is held on the same date as a special or regular election for federal office.

HB3232 provides that if any federal law seeks to substantially change voter registration or election administration laws, that the federal law will only apply to elections for federal office held in the state.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB 3232 is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on agencies' budgets or the state's revenue. However, if the proposed committee recommends to modify election dates or other associated dates, the State Election Board estimates a cost of approximately \$1 million – \$1.5 million per additional election required. Further, additional appropriations would be needed to cover costs associated with developing and maintaining separate voter registration databases, though these costs have not yet been determined.

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Other Considerations

None.

