

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1066

As of February 2, 2009

Title: An act relating to special elections for changing the form of government of a noncharter code city.

Brief Description: Regarding special elections for changing the form of government of a noncharter code city.

Sponsors: Representatives Rolfes, Appleton and Moeller.

Brief History: Passed House: 1/28/09, 95-2.

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 2/02/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

Staff: Aaron Gutierrez (786-7448)

Background: A noncharter code city is a city that does not have a charter, and has elected to be incorporated subject to the optional municipal code under Title 35A.

A noncharter code city may abandon its classification as a noncharter code city and move to a different form of government. This process can be initiated upon passage of a resolution by the city's legislative body or upon filing of a petition with the county auditor. The number of signatures on the petition must be no less than 10 percent of the number of votes cast in the last general municipal election.

Once initiated, the proposal is submitted to the voters at the next municipal general election.

Summary of Bill: If initiated by a resolution of the legislative body, a proposal to change the form of government of a noncharter code city may also be submitted to the voters at a special election held prior to the next general election if such special election is called for in the resolution.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.