

State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

HB 2495

Brief Description: Modifying provisions relating to the tabulation of ballots.

Sponsors: Representatives White, Roberts, Dickerson, Carlyle, Springer, Miloscia, Nelson, Simpson and Dunshee.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows for tabulation of ballots to commence beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the primary or election.
- Requires tabulation results to be secret until after 8:00 p.m. on the day of the primary or election.

Hearing Date: 1/12/10

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

County auditors may begin opening and processing absentee ballots as soon as the ballots are received. Tabulation of ballots may not begin until after 8:00 p.m. on election day. Returned absentee ballots must be placed in secure storage until tabulation begins.

Summary of Bill:

Tabulation of absentee ballots may begin at 8:00 am on the Monday immediately before the day of the primary or election. Results must be kept secret until after 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.