

5469-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senator McCaslin)

Brief Description: Authorizing county ombudspersons.

**SB 5469-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county to establish the office of county ombudsperson.

Provides for election of the ombudsperson, who must be an attorney and non-partisan.

Designates the types of proceedings an ombudsperson may participate in.

Prohibits actions in criminal proceedings, traffic infractions, or matters pending before a court.

Authorizes contiguous counties to establish a joint ombudsperson office.

Requires priority to be given to property rights issues.