

HB 2704-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/12/18)

Rearranges the order in which certain positions or offices are placed in a primary consolidated ballot.

Removes a certain statement from being printed on top of each ballot to being displayed in a prominent position on the election page of each county web site and being printed in the ballot envelope, the materials that accompany the ballot, or the voters' pamphlet.

Prohibits a primary from being held for a metropolitan park district commissioner.

Requires the secretary of state to conduct a study to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of providing nonbinding advisory votes on the ballot, including: (1) A comparison of the costs of preparing ballots in elections that include advisory votes and elections where advisory votes do not appear on the ballot;

(2) An assessment of ballot design; and

(3) Cost savings of removing advisory votes from ballots.

Increases the maximum number of words, regarding statements submitted by candidates, for a state representative.