

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1049

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Updating timelines for adopting county commissioner district boundaries following expansion from three to five commissioners.

Sponsors: Representatives Doglio, Bateman, Riccelli and Ormsby; by request of Secretary of State.

House Committee on Local Government

Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs

Background:

A board of county commissioners that expands from three to five members must adopt a resolution creating five new districts by the second Monday of March of the year following the election. If a board of county commissioners does not adopt the resolution by the second Tuesday of March of the year following the election, the county prosecuting attorney must petition the county superior court to appoint a referee to designate the five new districts. The referee must designate the districts no later than June 1 of the year following the election.

The regular filing period for declarations of candidacy for offices in the state general election begins the Monday two weeks before Memorial Day and ends the following Friday in the year in which the office is scheduled to be voted upon.

Summary:

The timeline for a board of county commissioners that expands from three to five commissioners to adopt a resolution creating five new districts is changed to the ninetieth day prior to the first day of the regular filing period. If a board of county commissioners that expands from three to five commissioners fails to create the five new districts by the eighty-ninth day prior to the first day of the regular filing period, the county prosecuting attorney must petition the county superior court for a referee to designate the districts. The

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referee must designate the districts by the sixtieth day prior to the first day of the regular filing period.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0	
Senate	49	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	0	(House concurred)

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