

Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

CS/HB 195 — Special Election

by Regulatory Affairs Committee; and Reps. Rodrigues, R., Berman, and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 172 by Appropriations Committee; Finance and Tax Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Senators Brandes and Hutson)

The bill provides that, pursuant to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, a special election will be held on August 30, 2016, concurrently with other statewide elections held on that date. At the special election, the electors of this state will vote on amendments to the State Constitution proposed in the Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 193, 2016 Regular Session. The subject matter of the joint resolution relates to legislative authority to provide personal property tax exemptions for solar and renewable energy source devices and to prohibit the consideration of the installation of such devices in determining the assessed value of residential and nonresidential real property for the purpose of ad valorem taxation.

The bill provides for publication of notice in accordance with Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution and that the special election be held as other special elections are held.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 33-6; House 108-0