

SB0255/943523/1

BY: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 255
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

(B) (1) “AT-LARGE METHOD OF ELECTION” MEANS A METHOD OF ELECTING CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH CANDIDATES ARE VOTED ON BY ALL THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(2) “AT-LARGE METHOD OF ELECTION” INCLUDES A METHOD OF ELECTION THAT COMBINES AT-LARGE AND DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS.

(C) “CUMULATIVE VOTING METHOD OF ELECTION” MEANS A METHOD OF ELECTING CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH VOTERS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF VOTES AS THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AND VOTERS MAY ALLOCATE THOSE VOTES AMONG THE CANDIDATES IN ANY MANNER THEY CHOOSE, INCLUDING CASTING MULTIPLE VOTES FOR A SINGLE CANDIDATE.

(D) (1) “DISTRICT-BASED METHOD OF ELECTION” MEANS A METHOD OF ELECTING CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS DIVIDED INTO DISTRICTS AND CANDIDATES SEEKING TO REPRESENT A DISTRICT ARE VOTED ON ONLY BY THE VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THAT DISTRICT.

(2) “DISTRICT-BASED METHOD OF ELECTION” INCLUDES THE CONFIGURATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICTS USED TO ELECT

CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(E) “GOVERNING BODY” MEANS:

(1) FOR A CHARTER COUNTY, THE COUNTY COUNCIL;

(2) FOR A CODE HOME RULE COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

(3) FOR A COMMISSION COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

OR

(4) FOR A MUNICIPALITY, THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY PROVIDED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER.

(F) “METHOD OF ELECTION” MEANS AN AT-LARGE METHOD OF ELECTION, A DISTRICT-BASED METHOD OF ELECTION, OR A CUMULATIVE VOTING METHOD OF ELECTION.”;

in lines 3 and 8, strike “(B)” and “(C)”, respectively, and substitute “(G)” and “(H)”, respectively; in line 12, strike “IN” and substitute “FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF”; in line 14, strike “STATEWIDE” and substitute “STATE OR FEDERAL”; and in line 16, strike “FOR ELECTING” and substitute “OF ELECTION FOR”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “A” in line 23 down through “JURISDICTION” in line 25 and substitute “TO REMEDY A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE, THE COURT MAY ALTER THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GOVERNING BODY ONLY BY ORDERING:”

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(I) A CONVERSION FROM AN AT-LARGE METHOD OF ELECTION TO A DISTRICT-BASED METHOD OF ELECTION;

(II) A NEW CONFIGURATION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICTS USED TO ELECT CANDIDATES UNDER A DISTRICT-BASED METHOD OF ELECTION; OR

(III) A CUMULATIVE VOTING METHOD OF ELECTION”.