Chapter 391

S.B. No. 957

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the content and numbering of propositions on the
3	ballot.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 52.095, Election Code, is amended to
6	read as follows:
7	Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a) Except as otherwise
8	provided by law, the authority ordering an election in which more
9	than one measure is to be voted on shall determine the order in
10	which the propositions are to appear on the ballot.
11	(b) Each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot
12	shall be assigned a unique number or letter on the ballot as
13	<u>follows:</u>
14	(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), for each
15	proposition on the ballot, the authority ordering the election
16	shall assign a letter of the alphabet to the measure that
17	corresponds to its order on the ballot; and
18	(2) for each proposition on the ballot to be voted on
19	statewide, the authority ordering the election shall assign a
20	number to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot.
21	(c) Each proposition on the ballot must identify the name of
22	the authority ordering the election on the measure.
23	(d) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
24	necessary to implement this section.

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- 1 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 274, Election Code, is
- 2 amended by adding Section 274.004 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 274.004. PROPOSITION BALLOT ORDER. A proposed
- 4 constitutional amendment must be placed on the ballot before all
- 5 other propositions.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 957 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that

the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2017, by the

following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0._

<u>Speaker</u>

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 957 passed the House, with amendment, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting._

Approved:

Date

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FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 11:00 AMOCLOCK

Secretary of State

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2017

TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB957 by Campbell (Relating to the content and numbering of propositions on the

ballot.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code requiring each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot be assigned a unique number or number. The Secretary of State would be required to prescribe procedures to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Secretary of State estimates any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the requisite two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, AG, GG, BM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2017

TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB957 by Campbell (Relating to the numbering of propositions on the ballot.), As

Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code requiring each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot be assigned a unique number. The Secretary of State would be required to prescribe procedures to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Secretary of State estimates any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, AG, GG, BM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 5, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB957 by Campbell (Relating to the numbering of propositions on the ballot.), As

Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code requiring each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot be assigned a unique number. The Secretary of State would be required to prescribe procedures to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Secretary of State estimates any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, AG, GG, BM