OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 266

AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes municipalities in which a higher education institution is located to establish a separate voting district for each state and municipal election; the voting district must contain the institution. Existing law already gives municipalities broad authority to establish new voting districts.

In any municipality designating a voting district containing a higher education institution, the bill requires the registrars of voters to provide a suitable polling place at, or no more than 500 feet from, the institution. Consistent with existing law, if the registrars fail to agree on a location, the bill requires that the municipality's legislative body do so.

Under the bill, all of the existing requirements and procedures applicable to voting districts and polling places apply. Among other things, this means that the registrars must (1) designate the polling place at least 31 days before the election, (2) keep a separate registry list of electors residing in the district, and (3) appoint a district moderator and other required election officials.

Lastly, the bill makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10  Nay 4