OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 641

AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF ELECTION LAWS.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes an Election Law Review Commission to review state election laws, including those on (1) scheduling primaries, (2) electing certain constitutional officers, and (3) regulating political campaigns. By February 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, the commission must submit a report to Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee and include legislative recommendations.

Under the bill, the commission consists of the (1) GAE Committee cochairpersons, (2) GAE Committee ranking members, and (3) any other members the cochairpersons appoint in consultation with the ranking members. It appears that each member’s term on the commission ends when he or she ceases to hold office or to be a GAE chairperson or ranking member, whichever happens first. (It is unclear whether members appointed by the GAE cochairpersons in consultation with the ranking members must be legislators. If not, it is unclear when such members’ terms end.)

Under the bill, a majority of the membership constitutes a quorum, and all commission actions require an affirmative vote of a majority of the full commission membership. The commission must meet as often as is necessary to perform its duties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 15  Nay 0  (04/01/2019)