

HB

278

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

FURTHER:

February 22, 1979

Date: 4 12 79

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS has had HB 278

"An Act relating to the purge of the state voter register."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for _____ same title
 new title
- and recommends _____
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
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CHAIRMAN



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April 12, 1979

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Affairs Committee Members
FROM: Representative Mike Miller, Chairman
RE: H.B. 278

The Legislative Affairs Agency staff has advised me that we have to be more specific in describing state elections and can't use the language "any state election". Therefore I have changed the language of the bill to read "primary, general, special, or presidential primary". Let me know if you have any objections to this change.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1979

SUBJECT: Committee Substitute for HB 278
relating to purge of voter lists.

TO: Representative Mike Miller, Chairman
House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Richard A. Bradley, Legislative Counsel **B**

The committee requested that a voter purge be delayed on a vote in "REAA, Coastal Zone Management, or state elections;" the committee left untouched the earlier addition of "municipal" to the phrase. It later requested addition of a reference to the proposed presidential primary election.

I have redone the entire approach consistently with the committee's apparent request. I take that request to be that essentially any vote in an election conducted under state law suspend the voter purge.

I have deleted "municipal" and substituted "local election" AS 15.60.010(2) defines "local election" as "any election held by a borough, city, or other local unit of government." This clearly comprehends "municipal" or "REAA." Within a code such as AS 15, it is preferable to use the defined terms and not add new terms. My use of "municipal [election]" in HB 278 violated this rule and was undesirable.

The term "state election" is not defined in AS 15.60.010, and curiously, neither is "primary election" defined; since "election" [AS 15.60.010(1)] is defined as including only "general" [AS 15.60.010(10)], and "special" [AS 15.60.010(22)] elections, it is necessary to refer to "general," "special," and "primary" elections in the bill.

Representative Mike Miller
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I consider it unnecessary to add a reference to presidential primary elections. The term primary clearly comprehends all primaries.

And while it is not clear whether a coastal management election is a special state election or a local election, for the purposes of this bill, with references to both elections included, it seems unnecessary to resolve the question - it is covered in either case.

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Enclosure