

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: FL/HB 496

50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011

Tracking Number: .186515.1

Short Title: School District Election Notification

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward C. Sandoval

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Bill Summary:

FL/HB 496 amends sections of the *School Election Law* relating to regular and special school board elections proclamations and notice requirements.

- Specifically, the bill eliminates from the required elements of a regular or special school district proclamation the listing of the precincts within each county that are holding elections, and the location of each polling place.
- After a school board has filed a proclamation with the county clerk, or as they are referred to in the bill, the “proper filing officer” shall then publish proclamation along with a list of the precincts in each county in which the election is to be held, and the location of each polling place in a newspaper of general circulation.
- The bill allows the county clerk, upon written agreement by the school board and the clerk, to set the consolidation of precincts and assign the polling locations for a school district election.

Fiscal Impact:

FL/HB 496 does not contain an appropriation.

Substantive Issues:

As noted in the analysis from the Public Education Department (PED), the bill appears to shift part of the burden of issuing proclamations from the school district to the appropriate county clerk.

Related Bills:

HB 300 *Info. Specified for Obligation Bond Election*

HB 450 *School Elections by Mail*

HJR 11 *Hold School Elections With General, CA*

HJR 16 *School Elections With Other Elections, CA* (Identical to SJR 16)

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