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Bill Topic: ACT SUBJECT TO PETITION CLAUSE BILLS 2020 SESSION

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** This bill addresses the effective date of bills with petition clauses and moves the election for a referendum petition from November 2020 to November 2022. It does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state agency so is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, which was recommended by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council.

Summary of Legislation

This bill clarifies that bills that were pending or enacted prior to the temporary adjournment of the second general session of the 72nd General Assembly on March 14, 2020, that included a petition clause will be effective at 12.01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 90-day period after adjournment sine die, not the assumed date of August 5, 2020 that is listed in the petition clause. All other bills that include a petition clause will also be effective at 12.01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 90-day period after adjournment sine die, unless a later date is specified in the bill.

If a referendum petition is filed against a bill within the 90-day period, the bill will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022, rather than November 2020. If the measure is approved, it will take effect upon the date of the official declaration of the vote by the Governor.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

Referendum petitions occur infrequently and changing the election at which such referendum petitions are potentially voted on does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state agency. Further, clarifying the effective dates of bills adopted prior to the temporary adjournment does not change the actual date when they take effect (90 days following adjournment sine die). Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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