

Substitute for HB 194

Please Support HB 194 by Rep. Adline Clarke

HB 194 is a proposed constitutional amendment designed to allow for meaningful discussion and negotiation of local legislation. This is accomplished in this bill by providing a specific process for the amendment of local bills. This proposed amendment also reduces the advertising requirement from four weeks to three weeks.

A substitute to the bill clarifies the procedures for amendments to ensure local bills do not lose their local character and are negotiated **only** by legislators representing the county affected by the legislation. This is accomplished in two ways:

- (1) Only legislators from the county affected by the local bill can offer amendments to the local bill AND
- (2) Only amendments that are germane to the title of the original bill advertised can be offered.

The substitute also requires that once an amendment is adopted, the bill must lay over for 10 calendar days.

- This is intended to allow adequate time to publicize the amendment back home under procedures established by the Legislature pursuant to a general law for notice and publication of the amendment.

As in the original bill, no local bill could be introduced following the 25th legislative day. This would ensure that there would be time for negotiation and, where appropriate, amendment of the bill under the procedures set out in the Constitution.

Additionally, an executive amendment or conference committee report adopted in one chamber could not be transmitted to the other for final passage until the expiration of one calendar week or on the final day of a session, whichever comes first.

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