

### At-A-Glance

# Senate Legislation: SJ306 (Barker)

#### **Latest House Action:**

February 11: Subcommittee recommended conforming to HJ615 (as adopted by the House on February 4)

#### Impact:

Adds localities to redistricting requirement

#### **Upcoming House Action:**

<u>February 15</u>: Vote by Privileges and Elections

### Cities and Towns Potentially Impacted:

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#### **Areas of Concern**

- Introduction of partisanship into local elections
- Potential conflict with federal regulations
- Timing conflicts for non-November elections
  - Costs to localities

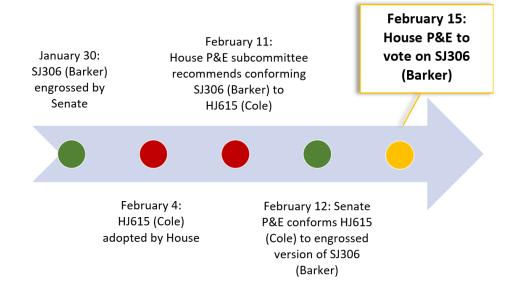
#### **Next Step for VML Members**

Contact your local delegate and members of the House Committee on Privileges and Elections to support keeping SJ306 as-is

## No Amendments to SJ306

## **Status Update**

HJ615 (Cole), which included requirements for localities with district-based elections to establish bipartisan redistricting commissions, was conformed to SJ306 (Barker), which has no local requirement, by a vote of 11-0 with one abstention. However, SJ306 may still be conformed to the House's adopted version of HJ615.



A subcommittee for House Privileges and Elections has recommended conforming SJ306 to include, among other items, the local redistricting commission requirement. If this happens, the House and Senate will take the competing resolutions into conference.

#### **Action Request**

VML urges members to contact their local delegates and support keeping SJ306 as-is (contact information on Page 2).

### **Key Point**

 VML supports the current language in SJ306, which limits the scope of redistricting to state elections only.

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