

## LB529 (postcard bill) amended into LB727:

- *Section 49: Property Tax Request Act definitions*
  - Bonds now excluded:
    - Definition of property tax request now **excludes** the amount to be levied for payment of principal or interest on bonds issued/authorized to be issued by a school district
- *Section 50: pertaining to political subdivisions including community colleges*
  - One CC BOD member must attend the joint public hearing.
    - At least one elected official from each participating political subdivision shall attend the joint public hearing.
      - An elected official may be the designated representative from a participating political subdivision (but isn't required to be)
      - The elected official also need NOT lead the meeting, they must only attend.
  - Quorum Exemption
    - The presence of a quorum or the participation of elected officials at the joint public hearing does **NOT** constitute a meeting as defined by section 84-1409 of the Open Meetings Act.
  - Dates for joint hearings
    - Joint hearing must now be held on or after September 14 (was 17) and
    - Prior to September 24 (was 29) and
    - Before filing budget statement.
  - Notice of Joint public hearing
    - Posting of hearing notice on home page of relevant county's website shall apply of population over 10,000 (was 25,000)

- Publicly available information:
  - each political sub must have a prominently displayed, accessible link on its website home page to political subdivision's budget
    - (Except if county less than 10,000, city less than 1,000, or for joint public hearings prior to 1/1/2024, or a school district.)
- Date political subs must submit meeting info to Clerks:
  - Each political subdivision that participates in the joint public hearing shall electronically send the information (meeting date, location, and time) to the county assessor by September 4 (was 5<sup>th</sup>).
    - The county clerk will then notify the county assessor of the date, time, and location of the joint public hearing no later than September 4 (was 10<sup>th</sup>).
- County clerk report to participating political subs:
  - Delivered to participating subdivisions within 10 days (no change)
  - Shall now also include:
    - Name of each political subdivision that participated in the meeting.
    - Name(s) of designated representatives of political subdivision that participated in joint public hearings
    - Real growth value and real growth percentage for each political subdivision
    - Amount of property tax request increase if in excess of allowable growth percentage
    - Number of individuals who signed in to attend joint hearing