

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority held a referendum in November 2000 for a light rail plan for Austin. Under current law, Capital Metro is prohibited from holding another referendum on the plan for another year. H.B. 2440 provides that any subsequent referendum for a rail plan must be held at the general election in November of an even numbered year when voter turn out tends to be higher.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 451.071(e), Transportation Code, to require a subsequent referendum for a rail plan under Subsection (d) to be held at the general election in November of an even-numbered year. Deletes text prohibiting the referendum from being held before the first anniversary of an election previously held under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.