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House Election Committee Members,


Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to present written testimony concerning this possible change on a County Treasurer's term.

It is interesting and telling that in 1980, County Treasurer's terms were changed to a 3 year, 3 month term and in the next session, the Legislature changed it back to the current method employed today. I think that's because it works better the way it's done now and here are the main reasons why:

- Treasurer's elected in 2008 ran for a 4 year term, ending October 9, 2013. If a Treasurer were planning on retiring at the end of the term, changing the date would be a full 10 months short of the goal, possibly forcing the person to run for another term.
- This legislation seems to have been requested to fix a situation for one Treasurer, but potentially hurting 104 other Treasurer's around the State.
- Reasons for having the date as it is now are that it primarily protects a new Treasurer from having to finish the tax roll that the old Treasurer began, thus prompting an audit and an additional cost to the county.
- In addition, you would be asking a new Treasurer to make the largest distribution of the year within two weeks of taking office. This is hardly enough time to learn about availability of invested funds and making sure there's proper liquidity for distribution. Term of office coincides with the tax year rather than calendar year for these reasons.

Thank you for considering these issues when hearing and if you possibly work this legislation.

Sincerely,


Marc Rhoades