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H 932. INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING HEARINGS. Filed 3/31/09. *TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE BEFORE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATES IN THE INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING PILOT; AND TO REQUIRE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT SUCH A HEARING TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION.*

Amends Section 3 of SL 2008-150, which allows the State Board of Elections to establish a pilot program for instant runoff elections in up to ten jurisdictions. Provides that the local government considering participation in this pilot program to first adopt a resolution of intent to consider participation and to hold a public hearing on that resolution. The notice of hearing must have newspaper notice and be posted on the local government and State Board of Elections web sites at least once not less than 20 days prior to the hearing date. The notice is to include information about the process and purpose of instant runoff voting, with the source of that information documented. Local government decisions on participation in the pilot program are to be made no earlier than the next regularly scheduled governing board meeting after the hearing and no later than 60 days after the hearing. Effective when it becomes law and applicable to any action by a local governing board to participate made on or after that date.

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