

may be passed with or without amendment on a legislative session-day by an affirmative vote of at least four-fifths of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners. Emergency bills which are amended are not subject to the requirement for reprinting or reproduction contained in subsection (d) of this Section.

(f) *Vote required.* Subject to the provisions of subsection (e) above, no bill shall become public local law unless it be passed by a majority of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners, and on its final passage the yeas and nays shall be recorded in a journal.

(g) *Publication of proposed laws.* On the introduction of any bill, a copy thereof and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be posted as soon as practicable on an official bulletin board in a public place in the building in which the County Commissioners usually meet, and so that the public may have ready access thereto during normal business hours; and additional copies of the bill, with notice of the date of hearing, shall be made available to the public and to the press. Every copy of each bill shall bear the name of the member introducing it and the date it was introduced; and no bill, unless it be an emergency bill, may be passed before the seventh calendar day after introduction. **ANY AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO A BILL SHALL BE IN WRITING, AND COPIES OF THE AMENDMENTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.** Upon the passage of any bill, the bill or a fair summary thereof shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county, not less than three times, at weekly intervals, within a four-week period following its passage.

(h) *Effective date of public local law.* Any public local law enacted by the Board of County Commissioners of a code county shall take effect forty-five days after it is enacted, unless by a provision of the public local law it is to take effect at a later date. If a public local law is passed as an emergency bill or if a bill is declared by at least a four-fifths vote of the total membership of the Board of County Commissioners to be an emergency bill affecting the public health, safety, or welfare of the county, the law shall take effect from the date of its passage. The term "emergency bill" shall not include one abolishing or creating any office, changing any salary, term, or duty of any officer, granting any franchise or special privilege or creating any vested right or interest.

(1) The citizens of a code county, by petition, may submit to the registered voters of the county any public local law or portion thereof enacted under this subtitle. The submission shall be at the next regular Congressional election and in accordance with requirements as to time, notice, and form in Article 33 of this Code; and shall be for adoption or rejection by a majority of those voting on the question.

(2) The referendum petition shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections within forty days after a bill is enacted and shall contain the signatures of at least ten per centum of the registered voters of the county. If more than one-half but less than the full number of signatures required to complete any referendum petition against a public local law are filed within forty days from