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Item	Description
1 Artificial Intelligence in Political Advertising	Study updating current statute as it pertains to when and how one is required to disclose the use of artificial intelligence in all forms of political advertising materials (e.g., audio, visual, and print), and if statutory language needs to be adjusted to disclose when AI is used to enhance, alter, mislead, etc. This study item was submitted with respect to 2026 H.B. 504, Political Advertising Modifications.
2 Boards and Commissions	Study the establishment of an ongoing review process for boards and commissions to assess their efficacy and value.
3 Cooperative Contracts Fund	Evaluate whether the Cooperative Contracts fund should be converted from an internal service fund (ISF) to an enterprise fund (EF). Metrics over the last several years show primary customers for the Cooperative Contract program with the Division of Purchasing are non-state public entities (aligning more closely with the definition of a regulatory fee or enterprise fund). Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules specify if more than 50% of revenue is generated outside of state government (this is currently happening with 1% fee charged to cooperative contracts for the Division of Purchasing's revenue), the revenue must be classified as an enterprise fund. Review potential statutory changes for the Cooperative Contract program.
4 Cost of Elections	Assess and study all costs related to elections, including the cost of ballots, staff costs, wages for poll workers, processing costs, and election day costs. Identify the average cost of elections for counties and municipalities and how costs vary across smaller and larger counties. Fiscal analysis could consist of reviewing costs from the last few years or projected costs in light of the changes coming in 2029. This study item was submitted after 2026 H.B. 479, Election Code Modifications
5 Election Integrity, Security, and Participation	Study how to ensure election integrity and security while maintaining participation.
6 Municipal Service Districts	Study Municipal Services Districts, including their governance, transparency, and the scope of their authority regarding planning and zoning.