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Bill Analysis

SB 970 provides that no turnpike project shall be authorized unless the Legislature receives the results of a special election from among property owners whose land is situated within a 1-mile radius of the proposed turnpike route. The election shall be called prior to the turnpike's authorization and shall focus on whether a majority of such affected landowners are in favor of or against the proposed route. The county election board of the county in which the proposed expansion shall take place shall organize the election. Authorization shall be allowed only if the majority of landowners along the proposed turnpike route vote in the affirmative. If a 4-year period elapses, the prior vote shall be presumptively considered to have lapsed and a new special election in line with the above criteria must be held prior to any legislative authorization for the construction of any such turnpike or turnpike extension. The measure directs the State Election Board to develop a verification process to determine eligible voters.

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