

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 359** HLS 26RS 595

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Death of a candidate		

ELECTIONS/CANDIDATES

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Provides relative to the death of a candidate for a party primary office who is not affiliated with a major political party

Proposed law provides that if a person who qualified as a candidate for a party primary office who is not affiliated with a major political party dies after the close of the qualifying period and before the time for closing the polls on the day of the general election, the name of the deceased candidate shall not be printed on the general election ballot; provides that if the general election ballot was printed with the deceased name, any votes received by the deceased candidate shall not be counted.

Proposed law provides that if a major party candidate qualifies for the general election in a special election held to fill an unexpired term and there are no remaining candidates for the general election then the qualified candidate is declared elected by the people.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides for the procedure for the death of a candidate for a party primary office who is not affiliated with a major political party, making it consistent with the procedure the Department of State follows with the death of a candidate for a party primary office who is affiliated with a major political party. Proposed law also provides that if a major party qualifies for the general election, and there are no remaining candidates for the general election, then the qualified candidate is declared elected, making it consistent with the procedure the Department of State follows for non-closed party primary candidates.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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