

BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1072
Version:	Senate Amendments
Author:	Representative Key
Date:	2/1/2010
Impact:	State Election Board: Potential Ballot Printing Costs

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Arnella Karges

The Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed HB1072 strikes the enacting clause and changes the minimum number of signatures required to form a recognized political party from a number equal to five percent of the votes cast in the last general election for Governor to three percent of the votes cast in the last General Election for Governor. Engrossed HB 1072 had changed the threshold to 5% of the votes cast in the last General Election for Governor, rather than the most recent General Election, where turnout may vary. The title was stricken on Engrossed HB 1072. (Five percent of the votes cast in the 2008 presidential election equals 73,134; five percent of the votes cast in the last general election for Governor in 2006 equals 46,323; three percent of the votes cast in the last general election for Governor in 2008 equals 27,794.)

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Terry McKenna

Senate Amendment No.1 to HB 1072 strikes the enacting clause. Amendment No. 2 lowers the threshold for the number of signatures required on petitions seeking recognition of a political party from at least five percent to at least three percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last General Election.

Fiscal Analysis

In its present form, Senate Amendment No. 1 to HB 1072 has no impact on state revenues or resources.

The State Election Board advises that it is unlikely the agency would incur any additional costs under the provisions of Amendment No. 2. However, if a large number of political parties were recognized, it could become necessary to print an additional ballot for the General Election. It could also be necessary to print ballots for additional political parties in primary elections. The cost of an additional ballot for a General Election would be approximately \$350,000. The cost of

a ballot for another political party in a primary would vary depending on the number of ballots needed, but it could be as much as \$35,000.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

As Stated Above

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