



SB 247 - HB 225

May 22, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes that any document, petition, or paper filed pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 1, regarding elections, must be examined by the appropriate election official prior to such filing being accepted to ensure all information required is provided and that any deadlines have been met. Establishes, that if the official accepts any such filing, it is presumed that all requirements have been met, and that the filing is timely.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017615): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes an incumbent who has filed a petition for reelection to file a new petition as a candidate for another political party no less than 90 days before a primary or general election if the incumbent is disqualified from candidacy by the current affiliated party's executive committee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-204(b)(2), a political party executive committee is authorized to determine a candidate is not qualified for an election if the candidate is not deemed a bona fide member of the party.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-101(f)(1) and (2), a person is prohibited from qualifying as a candidate in a primary election with more than one political party for the same office, or as an independent and primary candidate for the same office in the same year.
- Authorizing an incumbent candidate disqualified by a political party executive committee to file a new petition no less than 90 days before a primary election as a candidate for another political party or a general election as an independent candidate is not estimated to qualify a substantial number of additional candidates in any election and will not significantly impact the current procedures of local county election commissions or the state Division of Elections.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Krista Lee Carsner in black ink.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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