

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1419  
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Elections  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law does not specify whether a candidate application for a place on a ballot or a petition in lieu of a filing fee can be amended once filed. If a candidate wishes to amend an application or petition due to an error on the filing form, an improper filing procedure, or another issue that could disqualify the candidate, it is difficult logistically for the party chairman to make the correction. If an error is found, the candidate may submit a new application or petition before the filing deadline to correct the problem.

H.B. 1419 prohibits a candidate from amending an application for a place on the ballot and a petition in lieu of a filing fee and prohibits the authority from accepting amendments to these documents.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1419 amends the Election Code to prohibit a candidate for public office from amending an application for a place on the ballot after it is filed, or a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with the application, and to prohibit the authority with whom the application is filed from accepting an amendment to either document.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.