

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2067
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, state party executive committees are permitted to exempt a county party from the requirement that the location of their county convention be subject to the same accessibility requirements as a polling place.

S.B. 2067 deletes text authorizing state party executive committees to exempt a county party from certain requirements, thereby ensuring that anyone who is able to access a polling place is also able to access a political party's county convention, regardless of disability.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 174.022(d), Election Code, to require that the place selected for a precinct convention meet the same requirements for access by the elderly and persons with physical disabilities as a polling place under Section 43.034(a) (relating to accessibility requirements for polling places). Deletes existing text requiring that the place selected for a precinct convention meet the same requirements for access by the elderly and persons with physical disabilities as a polling place under Section 43.034(a) unless the state executive committee for a political party issues an order that the places for precinct conventions for that political party are not required to meet the same requirements as a polling place under Section 43.034(a); requiring that the order be entered in the minutes of the state executive committee not later than the 30th day before the date precinct conventions are to be held.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.