

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3270
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been reported that many county chairs of political parties nominating by primary election are not advised about whether to include the names and other information of candidates for party offices on the list required to be sent to the applicable state party chair. This results in incomplete lists of candidates for certain offices, creates confusion, and ultimately leads to a less efficient electoral process.

H.B. 3270 seeks to clarify that all candidates applying to be on a ballot for the office of a political party must be included on the list required to be prepared for each general primary election by the state party chair and each county party chair.

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. 3270 amends the Election Code, in a provision of law requiring the state chair and each county chair of a political party nominating by primary election to prepare for each general primary election a list containing certain information about each candidate who files with the chair an application for a place on the ballot, to specify that such an application includes an application for the office of a political party.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.