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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 2075 |
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| Elections |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised over possible legal challenges that a candidate for office may face should the candidate choose to run under a maiden name or other similar legally acquired surname, particularly with regard to a widowed or divorced candidate who may have not yet undergone a legal surname change. C.S.H.B. 2075 seeks to address these concerns by authorizing a candidate for elected office to use any surname acquired by law or marriage on the ballot. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **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**  C.S.H.B. 2075 amends the Election Code to authorize a candidate for elected office to use any surname acquired by law or marriage on the ballot. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2019. |
| **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**  C.S.H.B. 2075 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways. |