BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2093 By: Hughes Elections Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Last session the legislature passed H.B. 2504 which, among other things, attempted to standardize filing fee requirements for all parties and candidates to have their name placed on the ballot. Unfortunately, that bill put the requirement in the wrong statutory section. S.B. 2093 seeks to place the standardized fee requirement in the correct section of the Election Code.

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

S.B. 2093 amends the Election Code to clarify that the requirement to pay the requisite filing fee or submit a valid petition in lieu of the filing fee applies to a candidate who is nominated by party convention, in order for that candidate to be considered for nomination by a party convention for state and county office.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.

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