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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Liston

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Bill Status: Senate State Affairs
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Bill Topic: NAME ORDER ON PRIMARY BALLOT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill requires that the names of all candidates on a primary election ballot for an office be ordered based on a lottery. The bill will minimally increase state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill eliminates the requirement that candidates petitioning onto the primary ballot be listed after candidates designated for the ballot by assembly. Instead, all candidates for an office are to be placed on the primary ballot in an order determined by lot.

Background

Current law requires that candidates be listed on the primary election ballot for an office in the following order: candidates designated and certified by assembly in the order of votes received at the assembly, followed by candidates petitioning onto the ballot by collecting signatures. If multiple candidates petition onto the primary ballot, they are listed in an order determined by lot.

State Expenditures

The bill will minimally increase workload in the Election Division of the Department of State. The Division will need to prepare for and hold a separate lot drawing for each party participating in a primary election. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties

County Clerks

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