

HB 2685 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires person who files nominating petition or declaration of candidacy to include campaign phone number and e-mail address on petition or declaration. Except for limited personal use, requires phone number and e-mail address to be used exclusively for supporting candidacy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2685 requires candidates for public office to include a phone number and e-mail address on a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy. Except for de minimis personal use, the bill requires that the phone number and e-mail be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting the person's candidacy for office. Among other practices, House Bill 2685 would prohibit incumbent candidates from using publicly provided phone numbers and e-mail addresses as a point of campaign contact. House Bill 2685 takes effect January 1, 2020.