

SB 226 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes threshold for major political party status at five percent of active electors who are affiliated with major or minor political party. Authorizes minor political parties to nominate candidates at primary election. Allows major and minor political parties to adopt rules authorizing nomination of candidate who has been member of party for less than 180 days. Creates formula to determine amount of money Department of Administrative Services must reimburse counties for creation of ballots. Provides minor political parties with 30 days after effective date to choose to nominate candidates at primary election in 2020. Establishes process applicable to write-in candidates, requiring declaration of acceptance before 8 p.m. on date of election. Authorizes major and minor political parties to establish minimum vote threshold for write-in candidates. Reduces number of signatures applicable to nominating petition.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: