

HB 3593 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires name of each candidate to be separately printed on ballot with name of each political party that nominated candidate. Allows elector to vote for preferred pairing of candidate and political party if candidate has been nominated by multiple political parties. Considers ballot cast for indicated candidate and for indicated political party with smallest number of members, if elector marks ballot for candidate with multiple pairings of political parties. Allows votes cast for candidate and minor political party that nominated candidate to be used to maintain status as minor political party.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires name of each political party, but not more than three, that nominated candidate to be printed on separate line below name of candidate on ballot. Allows elector to vote for candidate and preferred political party if candidate has been nominated by multiple political parties. Considers ballot cast for indicated candidate and for indicated political party with smallest number of members, if elector marks ballot for single candidate with multiple pairings of political parties. Allows votes cast for pairing of candidate and minor political party that nominated candidate to be used to maintain status as minor political party.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, the name of a candidate may only be printed on the ballot in one place, regardless of how many times the candidate is nominated. The names of the political parties who nominated the candidate are printed with the name of the candidate, subject to rules depending on whether a candidate is or is not affiliated with a political party.

A minor political party can maintain ballot access in one of two ways: (1) maintain voter registration equal to one-half of one percent of the total number of registered electors in the state as members of the party; or, (2) maintain a voter registration equal to at least one-tenth of one percent of the total votes cast in the state or electoral district for all candidates for Governor at the most recent election at which a candidate for Governor was elected to a full term, and at least once in a four-year period a party candidate must poll at least one percent of the total votes cast in the electoral district for all candidates for President or any single state office.

House Bill 3593 requires the name of each candidate to be separately printed on the ballot with name of each political party that nominated the candidate and allows votes cast for candidate and minor political party that nominated candidate to be used to maintain status as minor political party.