

**HB 2586 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Rayfield

**House Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 04/06/17

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 7-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Barreto, Holvey, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

**Exc:** 2 - Hack, Kennemer

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Exempts fees associated with filing voters' pamphlet statement from \$750 threshold required to file as political committee in ORESTAR.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reducing barriers to participation for candidates
- Use of ORESTAR by candidates who act as own treasurer
- Importance of voters' pamphlet statements for candidates

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, a candidate who serves as their own treasurer and who does not anticipate receiving an aggregate of contributions or making aggregate expenditures of more than \$750 during a calendar year, is not required to file a statement of organization, establish a single exclusive campaign account or file statements in ORESTAR.

A candidate for elected office may file a portrait and statement of the reasons they should be nominated or elected to office in the Voters' Pamphlet for a primary or general election. The candidate has the option of paying the Voters' Pamphlet fee designated for that office or collecting a specific number of signatures from active voters in the district for which they are running for election. Candidates for a statewide office may pay a fee of \$3,000 to the Secretary of State or submit a petition of 500 active voters; candidates for state Senator or state Representative can either pay a \$750 fee or submit a petition with 200 active voters from their electoral district; and any candidate for nomination or election to any office other than President or Vice President, United States Senator or Representatives, may pay a \$600 fee or submit a petition with 200 active voters from the candidate's electoral district. If a candidate pays the Voters' Pamphlet fee, they will have, in most cases, either exceeded or met the \$750 aggregate expenditure limit that triggers the requirements to file a statement of organization, establish a single exclusive campaign account and file statements in ORESTAR, even if the candidate does not anticipate receiving or expending any additional money.

House Bill 2586 would exclude the Voters' Pamphlet fee from the \$750 threshold required to file as political committee in ORESTAR.