

HB 2586 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/03/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
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:

- Use of Voters' Pamphlet by candidates and public
- Current candidate and political committee registration requirements
- Increasing participation in political process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, a candidate for elective office who serves as their own treasurer and who does not anticipate receiving aggregate contributions or making aggregate expenditures exceeding \$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 is permitted to file a portrait and statement in the Voters' Pamphlet of the reasons they should be nominated or elected to office for a primary or general election. A candidate who chooses to do so may either pay the Voters' Pamphlet fee designated for that office or collect a specific number of signatures from active voters in the district for which they are running for election. Candidates for a statewide office must 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 must 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, pays a \$600 fee or submits a petition with 200 active voters from the candidate's electoral district. Generally, if a candidate pays the Voters' Pamphlet fee, they will either exceed or meet the \$750 aggregate expenditure limit that triggers the requirements to file a statement of organization, and consequently 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 excludes the Voters' Pamphlet fee from the \$750 threshold required to file as political committee in ORESTAR.