

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5267

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Establishing filing fees and tabulation procedures for write-in candidates.

Sponsors: Senators Sheldon, Haugen and Wood.

Senate Committee on Government Operations
House Committee on Government Operations

Background: Any person who desires to be a write-in candidate and have such votes counted at a primary or election must file a declaration of candidacy no later than the day before the primary or election. There is no statutory requirement that the person pay a filing fee at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy as a write-in candidate.

Regardless of whether a write-in candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy and regardless of whether there are enough votes to nominate a write-in candidate, votes for a write-in candidate must be tallied separately.

Summary: Any person who files a declaration of candidacy as a write-in candidate must pay a filing fee in the same manner required of other candidates filing for the office. Write-in votes cannot be tallied separately for a person who files a declaration of candidacy, unless the number of votes alters the results of the election.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	80	17 (House amended)
Senate	43	0 (Senate concurred)

Effective: July 23, 1995