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**State Government & Tribal  
Affairs Committee**

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**HB 2491**

**Brief Description:** Modifying candidate filing provisions.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Green, Chandler, Hunt, Armstrong and Appleton; by request of Secretary of State.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Eliminates the option to file declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State for candidates for single-county offices.

**Hearing Date:** 1/16/08

**Staff:** Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

**Background:**

In order to initiate a candidacy for office, one must file a declaration of candidacy. Historically, candidates for single-county office filed with the County Auditor and candidates for multi-county office filed with the Secretary of State (SOS). In 2005, the Legislature enacted legislation that allows candidates for single-county offices to have the option of filing either with the County Auditor or the SOS. This option exists for candidates for over 250 offices.

**Summary of Bill:**

The option of filing a declaration of candidacy with the SOS for single-county offices is eliminated. The filing fee statutes are updated to reflect that as a result of the change regarding filing locations.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

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