

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5153

As of November 28, 2011

Title: An act relating to candidates appearing on the general election ballot.

Brief Description: Expanding provisions relating to candidates appearing on the general election ballot.

Sponsors: Senator Nelson.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 1/25/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: Partisan primaries are held for the nomination of candidates running for the offices of Congress; all state offices (except judicial offices and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction); and all county offices (except judicial offices and when a county's home rule charter provides otherwise).

Based upon the votes cast at the primary, the top two candidates will be certified as qualified to appear on the general election ballot.

Summary of Bill: No primary is held for any single position in a partisan primary when no more than two candidates are filed for that position as of that last date for candidate withdrawal.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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