

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5153

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As of February 9, 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.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Diane Smith (786-7410)

**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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