

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2645

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron** Black

3. **Committee** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title** Party designations on the ballot.

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This proposal extends to local elections, other than school board elections, the identification of candidates by party name on the ballot. An exception is made for any city or town whose charter prohibits party names on the ballot. Under legislation enacted by the 2000 General Assembly and effective January 1, 2001, federal, statewide, and General Assembly candidates already are to be identified by party. The bill explicitly provides that an endorsement by a political party of a candidate who qualifies for the ballot through the petition process is not grounds for identifying that candidate by the party's name.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal implications:** None

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Board of Elections, local electoral boards and registrars.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. **Other comments:** No

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