

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB956

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

2. Patron: Chafin

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; filings by candidates and political parties.

5. Summary: Elections; filings by candidates and political parties. Streamlines the processes by which candidates and political parties file various required filings.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No state fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The State Board of Elections (SBE) indicates that clerks of local governing bodies will no longer have to send notifications to SBE for incumbent candidate Statement of Economic Interests filings, which could result in local cost savings. There will be additional cost reductions by ending the requirement for SBE to handle the receipt and distribution of the Statements of Economic Interests for local incumbent candidates. In order to implement the requirement for party chairs to notify SBE of nomination method, SBE will need to update forms, but these costs can be absorbed into the agency's normal annual update of all of its forms and guidance.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Board of Elections, all localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: The substitute version of this bill maintains existing law that candidates for the General Assembly must file statements of organization with both SBE and the local electoral board of the candidate's residence. The introduced version of this bill removed the requirement to submit such statements with the local electoral board.

Additionally, the substitute version of this bill maintains existing law that candidates can submit certain forms in writing, typed, printed, or electronic formats. The introduced version of the bill limited submissions to an electronic format only.

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