

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB956

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Chafin

3. Committee: -

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. The bill also requires political party chairmen to certify to the State Board of Elections the date of the nomination of a candidate who has been nominated by his party by a method other than a primary for any office elected by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth at large, a U.S. congressional district, a General Assembly district, or political subdivisions jointly electing a shared constitutional officer. Currently, chairmen must only certify the name of the candidate.

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. The amendments in the Senate floor substitute are technical in nature and do not impact the fiscal impact estimates.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: March 6, 2014

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