

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB766

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

**2. Patron:** Edwards

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Candidates; reduces number of signatures required on ballot petitions.

**5. Summary:** Reduces the number of signatures an independent candidate or a candidate for nomination by primary is required to gather on the candidate petition when seeking to qualify as a candidate for the United States Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General. The bill requires these candidates gather 5,000 signatures, including at least 200 from each congressional district. Current law requires 10,000 signatures, including at least 400 from each congressional district.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Elections indicates that it is unknown how many additional candidates would meet the new threshold; however, the agency expects any additional workload to be absorbed by its current staff.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Elections

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

C: Secretary of Administration

Date: January 15, 2015

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