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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits ballots, ballot cards, and ballot labels from listing candidates for the same or different offices, those candidates and one or more questions or issues, or one or more questions or issues on both sides of the area in which the elector is instructed to mark the ballot, ballot card, or electronic data processing cards, or so-called "butterfly ballots."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Existing law

Existing law specifies the form that ballots are required to take, including the placement of particular offices and issues on a ballot, the rotation of candidate names, and the type of font to be used in printing a ballot (secs. 3505.03, 3505.04, 3505.06, 3505.08, and 3505.10). When a marking device designed for use with printed ballot cards or with electronic data processing cards has been approved for use, the Secretary of State must prescribe specifications for the printing of ballot cards or ballot labels that will present the same information to voters with respect to candidates, offices, questions, and issues as is presented on paper ballots for the same election (secs. 3506.08 and 3506.09).

Changes proposed by the bill

In addition to existing form requirements, the bill specifies that a ballot, ballot card, or ballot label may not be prepared in a manner that any of the following appear on both sides of the area in which the elector is instructed to mark the ballot, ballot card, or data processing card (secs. 3505.03, 3505.04, 3505.06, 3505.08, 3505.10, 3506.08, and 3506.09):

- Names of candidates for the same office;

- Names of candidates for different offices;
- One or more questions or issues;
- Names of candidates for one or more offices and one or more questions or issues.

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