



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. State Government Oversight and Reform)

Sen. Seitz

BILL SUMMARY

- Eliminates intermediate political parties and revises the methods and standards for determining whether an organization qualifies as a political party.
- Lowers the percentage of vote required for a party to retain its status as a political party and revises the process for a new party to gain recognition by filing a party formation petition.
- Permits a new political party to be formed by filing a party formation petition not later than 125 days before a general election and permits the new political party to nominate candidates to appear on the ballot at that general election.
- Requires the candidates of new political parties to file nominating petitions not later than 110 days before the general election, and specifies the circumstances under which the names of those candidates will appear on the general election ballot as the nominees of the new political party.
- Permits nominees of new political parties to be designated on the ballot with the name of the new political party, exempts those candidates from the general requirement that party candidates be nominated in a primary election, and permits a new political party to fill ballot vacancies in its nominations prior to the general election.
- Increases the length of time that a political party remains a recognized political party after it meets the requirements to become a political party in this state.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate State Government Oversight and Reform Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

- Voids existing Directives issued by the Secretary of State that recognize political parties that do not meet the bill's requirements for political party recognition.
- Makes a technical correction to the bill.
- Declares an emergency.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-19-13
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