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## *Conference Committee Synopsis*

*Legislative Service Commission*

### **Sub. H.B. 445** 124th General Assembly

*The Conference Committee recommends the bill as passed by the Senate with the following changes:*

<b>Topic</b>	<b>House Version</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>Conference Committee Recommendation</b>
<b>Filing of campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission</b>	No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates mandatory electronic filing of campaign finance statements by candidates for statewide office and by candidates for the office of member of the General Assembly. Establishes a fee structure and an earlier filing deadline for campaign committees of candidates for those offices that file their campaign finance statements by nonelectronic means.
<b>Emergency clause</b>	No provision.	No provision.	Specifies that the bill is an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, so that candidates for the office of member of the General

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			Assembly who lack the technological means to file their campaign finance statements by electronic means of transmission will not be required to so file them beginning January 1, 2003, under existing law.
<b>Ballot designation for certain candidates who file nominating petitions</b>	No provision.	Requires the designation of "Independent" to be printed on a ballot under the name of a nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition and requests that designation.	Requires the designation of "nonparty candidate" or "other-party candidate" to be printed on a ballot under the name of a nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition and requests that designation. Permits such a candidate to request that no designation be so printed on a ballot. Specifies that no designation can be so printed if such a candidate fails to request designation as a nonparty candidate or other-party candidate. Removes a duplicative reference to "nonjudicial" in a provision only applicable to nonjudicial candidates.



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<b>Elections for successors to vacant judgeships</b>	No provision.	Requires a successor to be elected for the unexpired term of a vacant judgeship (the vacancy existing by reason of the incumbent judge's term having expired and no person having been elected as the judge's successor) at the first general election that occurs more than 40 days after the appointment by the Governor of a person to fill the vacancy.	Requires a successor to be elected for the unexpired term of a vacant judgeship at the first general election that occurs more than 40 days after the vacancy occurs, as required for certain judgeship vacancies by Article IV, Section 13 of the Ohio Constitution.
<b>Timely withdrawal exception to prohibition against certain joint candidacies</b>	No provision.	Defines a "timely withdrawal" as a withdrawal before the applicable deadline to become a candidate for the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become a candidate.	Defines a "timely withdrawal" as a withdrawal before the applicable deadline to become a candidate for the subsequent office for which the person is seeking to become a candidate at the same election.
<b>Gender neutralization</b>	Gender neutralizes a reference to appointed members of the Ballot Board, stating that the member serves from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which appointed.	Identical to House of Representatives version.	Gender neutralizes a reference to appointed members of the Ballot Board, stating that the member serves from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed.

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