



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\*

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### **Sub. H.B. 318**

129th General Assembly  
(Government Oversight and Reform)

Permits any candidate for President who has raised at least \$5,000 in at least 20 states (with a maximum of \$250 per contributor counting toward the threshold) to file a declaration of candidacy to become a candidate in Ohio's presidential primary election.<sup>1</sup>

Establishes two separate primary elections in 2012, with all offices affected by Congressional district lines, including the office of President, to be nominated on June 12, 2012.

Establishes a process, and applicable deadlines, for persons who wish to become candidates in the June 12, 2012, primary election.

Generally requires the June primary election to be conducted in the same manner as other primary elections are conducted, except that only specified candidates may appear on the ballot at that election.

Deems null and void any petitions filed prior to the bill's effective date for candidates for those offices that will be voted upon at the June primary election.

Eliminates the August special election and instead permits a political subdivision or taxing authority to conduct a special election on the day of the June primary election.<sup>2</sup>

Specifies the General Assembly's intention that individuals who file on or before December 7, 2011, to become candidates for the offices that will be voted upon at the

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3513.121.

<sup>2</sup> Section 3 of the bill.

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

June primary election must file in the 16-district congressional plan that was previously enacted.<sup>3</sup>

Makes an appropriation.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Section 5 of the bill.

<sup>4</sup> Section 4 of the bill.