

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1058</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>5175</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Unlikely Significant Impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1058, as introduced, modifies the requirement for establishing a political party from requiring the signatures of registered voters equal to at least five percent of the total votes cast in the last General Election to requiring the signatures of at least 5,000 registered voters.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

According to State Election Board officials, HB 1058 reduces the number of signatures required on a petition to form a recognized political party from five percent (5.0%) of the total votes cast in the last General Election to 5,000 signatures.

While it is unlikely that there would be a significant fiscal impact, it is possible that a larger number of recognized political parties could increase the number of primary and runoff primary elections. Should that occur, the cost of an additional ballot in a primary election could be as much as \$180,000 for a statewide race. In a runoff primary, the cost for an additional ballot for a statewide race could be as much as \$50,000.

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**Other Considerations**

None indicated.