

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1298</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FULLPCS1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6600</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Potential Minimal Costs for Election Bd.</b>

**Research Analysis**

Please see previous summary of this measure.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The proposed committee sub for HB 1298 removes language limiting contests of candidacy to events where only one candidate files for office; removing this language would enable contests of candidacy regardless of the number of candidates. This change could result in a larger number of contests of candidacy being filed, resulting in longer or multi-day contest hearings, and potentially staff overtime costs for the State Election Board and/or county election boards. However, the pcs also provides for an increase in the cost to file such petitions from \$250 to \$500, which might minimize the number of contests. This fee is refunded to the petitioner if the case is successful. The Election Board is currently researching the petition success rate to more accurately determine potential costs.

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**Other Considerations**

None.