

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2181
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	5565
Author:	Speaker Hickman
Date:	2/3/2015
Impact:	FY16: \$0 Anticipated; Potential Ballot Costs for Additional Political Parties

Research Analysis

HB 2181, as introduced, changes the number of signatures required on a petition to form a recognized political party from 5% of the total votes cast in the last General Election either for Governor or for electors for President and Vice President to 1% of the total votes cast in the last General Election for Governor.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2181, as introduced, reduces the percentage (from 5% to 1%) of registered voters' signatures required to file a petition to form a recognized political party. Petitions and subsequent political party formations are conditional, and therefore have no immediate impact. If a party becomes recognized, the State Election Board may incur ballot printing costs (\$80,000 for a statewide primary election or statewide runoff election).

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Other Considerations

None.