

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 896
Version:	Engrossed
Request Number:	
Author:	Representative Murphey
Date:	3/23/2016
Impact:	\$0 Immediate to the State; Potential Ballot Printing Costs

Research Analysis

SB 896 provides that if a political party's nominee for Governor or nominees for electors for President and Vice President fail to receive at least 2 ½% of the votes cast for those offices in a General Election, then that party ceases to be recognized.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the State Election Board, lowering the percentage of votes needed in the General Election for parties to continue to be recognized could result in additional parties fielding candidates in primary elections (beyond traditional and historical norms), thereby requiring the agency to print ballots for those elections. Estimated costs total approximately \$80,000 per primary election for each political party that would continue to be recognized.

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Other Considerations

None.