

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1563</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>6421</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Representative Echols</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0 Immediate; Potential Costs Associated with Printing Second Ballot Page</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1563, as introduced, modifies the procedure whereby Candidates for Presidential Electors who want to appear on the ballot either as uncommitted, pledged to an Independent candidate, or pledged to a nominee of a political party not recognized in Oklahoma can have their names placed on the ballot. The measure changes the number of registered voter signatures required from 3% of the votes cast in the last presidential election to 5,000 signatures. In lieu of the required signatures, the candidate can submit a filing fee of \$5,000.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Provisions of the measure could result in an increase in the number of presidential candidates on a ballot. Costs associated with this increase will only be realized should the number of candidates require the printing of a second ballot page- which, according to the State Election Board, would total approximately \$511,000 statewide for the additional page, based on printing costs for the 2016 General Election.

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**Other Considerations**

None.