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Bill No.:	HB 3099
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Research Analysis

HB 3099, as introduced, provides procedures for cases in which a candidate for office dies before the election. If the candidate dies before ballots are printed, the name of the deceased candidate will not be on the printed ballot and the candidate will be deemed to have withdrawn. If the ballot printing process has already begun, the candidate's name will remain on the ballot.

A deceased candidate whose name appears on a ballot, and who is certified by a county election board as qualifying to the next election in a multistep election cycle, will not have their name on the next ballot and will be deemed to have withdrawn. If a deceased candidate is certified to have been elected to an office, a vacancy in that office occurs on the date the candidate would have taken their oath.

Finally, the bill prohibits removal of a deceased candidate's name from the ballot unless their death is certified to the secretary of the appropriate county election board.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3099, as introduced, establishes procedures for the death of candidates for local offices in elections conducted by county election boards.

The measure provides for the removal of deceased candidates from ballots if their death occurs before ballot printing. It also stipulates that if a deceased candidate is elected, a vacancy is created on the day they were to take office.

Upon analysis and review with the State Election Board, the measure is estimated to have no budgetary impact on the State Election Board.

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Other Considerations

None.