

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1844
Version:	Introduced
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Impact:	SEB one-time costs: \$250,000 – 500,000

Research Analysis

HB 1844 relates to primary and general elections with candidates from only one political party. If a political party has two nominees for an office and no other political party has a nominee, both candidates will be placed on the official general election ballot. If a political party has more than two nominees for an office with no other parties participating, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on the general election ballot regardless if any candidates received the majority of the vote.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1844 in its current form implements a process where under certain conditions elections can be converted to non-partisan elections. Officials for the State Election Board (SEB) anticipate one-time costs ranging from \$250,000-500,000 to implement the provisions of HB 1844. SEB identifies the following as components of that cost: modifications to election administration system's computer programming; enhancing logic and accuracy testing of ballots; modification to straight party voting programming; and significant retraining of precinct officials.

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Other Considerations

None.