

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3511
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	8739
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Impact:	Up to \$25,000 per Election

Research Analysis

HB3511, as introduced, extends the deadline for setting a special primary election from 20 to 30 days after the close of the filing period. It introduces a Special Runoff Primary Election, which must occur at least 20 days after the Special Primary Election, followed by a Special General Election not less than 20 days after the Special Runoff Primary Election. The amendment also incorporates Runoff Primary elections into the provision and clarifies the State Election Board's absentee ballot distribution schedule.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3511 modifies the time frame for a Special Primary Election, as well as adds a third election (Special Runoff Primary Election) to special elections for State Representative and State Senator. Per the State Election Board (SEB), the estimated average cost of a Special Runoff Election costs between Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) to Twenty Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for a State Representative and between Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) to Twenty-five Thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for a State Senator. The SEB does note this cost will vary on several different factors, including how many political parties will have a runoff and how many counties and precincts are involved in the election.

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Other Considerations

None.