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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR Moore LAST UPDATED _____ HB 331

SHORT TITLE Minority Party Petition Requirements SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Responses Received From
 Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 331 strikes language requiring petition requirements for nominees of minority parties.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Nominating petitions indicate that a candidate has supporters.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If minor party candidates do not have to meet petition requirements, it may slightly reduce workload for the Secretary of State.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Should numerous minor party candidates decide to get their name onto the ballot it may impact the structure of the ballot.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Nominees of minority parties shall continue to adhere to requirement in the current law.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What happens if there are a large number of candidates who decide to get their name on the ballot because there is no nominating requirement, how will the structure of the ballots be managed?

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