

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5352 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE ELECTIONS

Title: ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

HB 5352, Sec 1 exempts voting-related complaints under chapter 151 (all elections-related prohibited acts and penalties) from the one-year requirement for completion of SEEC investigations.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Amendment A Strikes Section 2

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Ryan M. Burns, Executive Director and General Counsel, State Elections Enforcement Commission](#): Director Burns supports this bill and feels it would give the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) more time to investigate serious violations like voter fraud, absentee ballot tampering, and double voting. Current law generally requires cases to be resolved within one year, which can prematurely end complex investigations. These cases often involve extensive evidence, multiple witnesses, and coordination with out-of-state or law enforcement partners. The bill would exempt such serious cases from the one-year limit, allowing thorough investigations while keeping the limit for less complex matters. This bill reflects practical reform to strengthen election integrity and fraud prevention without disrupting standard processes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff

Date: 3/20/26