
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5352

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND MANDATORY DISMISSAL OF COMPLAINTS.

SUMMARY

Existing law generally requires the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) to dismiss a complaint if it does not issue a final decision within one year of receiving it. The deadline may be extended for delays caused by (1) SEEC granting an extension or continuance to the respondent or (2) complaint-related subpoenas, litigation, or investigations by, or consultations with, certain prosecutorial agencies.

This bill exempts from this deadline complaints received on or after October 1, 2026, about potential violations of prohibited acts under state election law. Existing law already exempts complaints regarding potential violations of state election law by foreign nationals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)