

Bill History
Session Year 2026
Raised H.B. No. 5434

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Introducer(s):

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION OF MINOR PARTIES FOR PURPOSES OF NOMINATING PETITIONS.

Statement of Purpose: To provide that, when a political party attains minor party status for a state-wide office at an election, any candidate throughout the state at a subsequent election may apply to appear via nominating petition for any office under such minor party.

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