

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Many county party chairs are confused about whether or not to include candidates for party offices on the list required to be sent to the state chair; thus resulting in incomplete lists of candidates for certain offices creating confusion and ultimately a less efficient electoral process.

H.B. 3270 clarifies that all candidates applying to be on a ballot for a political party must be included on the required list prepared by county and state chairs.

H.B. 3270 amends current law relating to the list of candidates compiled by a state or county party chair for a primary election.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 172.029(a), Election Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the state chair and each county chair, for each general primary election, to prepare a list containing:

- (1) the name of each candidate who files an application for a place on the ballot with the chair, including an application for the office of a political party, as the name is to appear on the ballot;
- (2) the candidate's address as shown on the application; and
- (3) the date on which the candidate filed the application.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2011.