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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE:  Minor Party Candidate Filing Requirements  SB

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee amendments make a technical change on page 3, line 10 to read “All petitions filed under Subsections B and C” rather than “A petition.”

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 436 clarifies a provision in the Election Code to require a declaration of candidacy for minor party candidates who are convention-designated nominees. Along with the declaration, minor party candidates must submit a petition containing the signatures and addresses of no less than one percent of the total number of votes cast in the preceding general election for governor or president of the United States.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or significant fiscal impact associated with this bill.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Secretary of State notes it is not possible to determine if a candidate is qualified for an office without a declaration of candidacy.

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