

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2754  
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Elections  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, candidates for certain judicial offices are required to submit a petition with a minimum number of valid signatures in order to get a place on a primary ballot for an election. Interested parties contend that this requirement could present an impediment for a person who otherwise might apply for a place on the ballot. H.B. 2754 seeks to address this issue.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2754 repeals Sections 172.021(e) and (g), Election Code, setting out petition signature requirements for the petitions that candidates for certain judicial offices must submit with their respective applications for a place on the general primary election ballot, which vary with respect to whether a candidate chooses to submit the applicable filing fee with that application or chooses to file a petition in lieu of the filing fee.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.