

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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April 29, 2025

Chair of Committee

Date

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1319 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, strike lines 13 through 27.
- 2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 12.
- 3 Rerumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 4 Page 4, lines 21 and 22, strike "ARE REIMBURSED".
- 5 Page 5, line 7, after "(8)" insert "and (9)".
- 6 Page 5, line 9, strike "**election.**" and substitute "**election - repeal.**".
- 7 Page 6, line 6, after "1-4-1010," insert "UNLESS THE POLITICAL PARTY HAS  
8 VOTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION TO CONTINUE TO  
9 FILL VACANCIES BY VACANCY COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1)  
10 OF THIS SECTION,".
- 11 Page 7, line 3, strike "MAJORITY" and substitute "MAJOR".
- 12 Page 8, line 12, strike "ONE" and substitute "ONE, BUT NOT BOTH,".
- 13 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 8 and substitute:
  - 14 "(II) ARE UNAFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY AS OF THE  
15 TWENTY-SECOND DAY BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY  
16 ELECTION.".
- 17 Page 11, after line 16 insert:

1                   "(9) (a) A POLITICAL PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO FILL A  
2 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BY VACANCY  
3 COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION RATHER  
4 THAN BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION PROCESS  
5 ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION IF AT LEAST  
6 THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY'S  
7 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AFFIRMATIVELY VOTES TO DO SO. SUCH VOTE  
8 OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST OCCUR NO LATER THAN  
9 OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH A COUNTY  
10 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION WOULD BE HELD. FOR PURPOSES OF  
11 THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT  
12 VOTE BY PROXY.

13                   (b) (I) A POLITICAL PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF A COUNTY  
14 COMMISSIONER VACANCY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2025 IF AT  
15 LEAST THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
16 PARTY'S STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AFFIRMATIVELY VOTES TO CONTINUE  
17 TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER BY  
18 VACANCY COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.  
19 SUCH VOTE OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MUST OCCUR NO LATER  
20 THAN JUNE 30, 2025. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS VOTE, MEMBERS OF THE  
21 STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHALL NOT VOTE BY PROXY.

22                   (II) THIS SUBSECTION (9)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1,  
23 2026.".

24                   Strike "ELECTION, , " and substitute "ELECTION" on: **Page 4**, line 17; and  
25 **Page 5**, line 2.

26                   Strike "ELECTION," and substitute "ELECTION" on: **Page 12**, lines 13 and  
27 20; and **Page 13**, lines 5 and 10.

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