
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 354

AN ACT CONCERNING RULES OF MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires, rather than allows as under current law, nominations of minor party candidates, convention delegates, or town committee members to be made as prescribed by the minor party's rules filed with the secretary of the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Related Case

In 2022, a gubernatorial candidate sued a minor party, alleging the minor party did not follow the party's rules in nominating its candidate for governor. The Superior Court ruled that minor parties did not need to strictly adhere to the party rules as long as their actions were not unlawful or irrational (*Stefanowski v. Kohler*, No. HDD-CV-22-6160145-S, 2022 WL 21825675 (Sep. 15, 2022)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)