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Senate Bill 297 (Senator Simonaire, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Election Law - Notices to Candidates - Mailing

This bill requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) or a local board of elections to mail any notice required to be mailed to a candidate under any provision of law to the candidate's home address if the notice was not originally mailed to the candidate's home address and was returned to SBE or the local board as undeliverable.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled within existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Election Law Article does not appear to require any notices to be sent directly to a candidate, but does require notices to be sent to campaign finance entities (through which the campaign finance activity of a candidate must be conducted). Campaign finance entities must be notified of the campaign finance reports they have to file and of a failure to file a campaign finance report. The Election Law Article specifies that notice is provided to a campaign finance entity by serving the responsible officers (the chairman and treasurer). A candidate may not act as the treasurer of the candidate's campaign finance entity but may serve as the chairman.

Background: SBE advises that, while a candidate not acting as the chairman of the candidate's campaign finance entity is not required to receive campaign finance notices,

its past practice has been to notify candidates of the campaign finance reporting deadlines as a courtesy.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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