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HB 2393: presidential preference; parties; voting methods Sponsor: Representative Kolodin, LD 3 Senate Engrossed

Overview

Requires political parties that choose to select a nominee for president by a vote that is open to the entire political party membership to provide a method of voting to uniformed services or overseas citizens and persons with disabilities.

History

A presidential preference election allows qualified electors the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party indicated on their voter registration. A presidential preference election must be conducted in the same manner as a primary election. A presidential preference election must be held on the Tuesday following March 15 (A.R.S. §§ 16-241; 16-201).

The Governor can issue a proclamation that the presidential preference election be held later if the proclamation is issued 180 days before the election date. The County Board of Supervisors must receive a copy of the proclamation (A.R.S. § 16-241).

A *person with a disability* includes a person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability that substantially restricts or limits the person's access to polling places (A.R.S. § 16-581).

Provisions

- 1. Requires any political party that chooses not to participate in the presidential preference election and chooses to select a nominee for president by a vote that is open to the entire political party membership to provide a method of voting for persons:
 - a) who are uniformed services or uniformed overseas citizens; and
 - b) with disabilities. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Allows a political party to choose the means for voting. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Specifies that political parties are not required to select a nominee for president by popular vote. (Sec. 1)

Senate Amendments

- 1. Requires any political party that chooses to select a nominee for president by a vote that is open to the entire political party membership to provide a method of voting for voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
- 2. Makes conforming changes.

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