

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: SB 710 [S0710.HMS]
SPONSOR: Committee on Ethics and Elections, Senator Saunders and others
SUBJECT: Elections
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
DATE: April 30, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 - 751019 (body with title)
Amendment to House Amendment 1 - 115891 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

Under House Amendment 1 the presence of a write-in candidate closes the primary, even though all of the other candidates are of the same party. Under the Senate bill all voters could vote in the primary, despite the presence of a write-in candidate. The House version will thwart the will of the voters by allowing any person or group to close the primary simply by fielding a write-in candidate.

House Amendment 1 was further amended by the House in an amendment to the amendment (115891). The amendment to the amendment changes the date of the Presidential Preference Primary from the second Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in March.