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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 392**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING RULES OF MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires 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. A 2022 Superior Court decision held that this was not strictly required under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2027

#### **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    (03/23/2026)