

**Bill History**  
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**Raised H.B. No. 5434**

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**Introducer(s):**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION OF MINOR PARTIES FOR PURPOSES OF NOMINATING PETITIONS.

**Statement of Purpose:** To provide that, when a political party attains minor party status for a state-wide office at an election, any candidate throughout the state at a subsequent election may apply to appear via nominating petition for any office under such minor party.

**Bill History:**

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