

HCS HB 3 -- PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Dugger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute repeals the provision requiring a statewide presidential preference primary to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February any year in which a presidential election is held and requires the primary to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

The substitute also increases the state committee filing fee for a presidential candidate from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for an election held on or before December 1, 2012, and to \$10,000 for any election held thereafter.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the Republican and Democratic parties to retain full representation for the purpose of electing presidential candidates.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dugger.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.