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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

### Sub. S.B. 71

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House Government Oversight

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

S.B. 71 (As Passed by the Senate)	Sub. S.B. 71 (I_135_3120-1)
<b>Data Analysis Transparency Archive Act</b>	
Enacts the Data Analysis Transparency Archive (DATA) Act to create a new office within the Office of the Secretary of State and to modify the ways in which the boards of elections must retain election data, enter it into the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD), and make it available to the public ( <i>R.C. 3503.13, 3503.15, 111.11, 3503.151, 3503.152, and 3503.153; Section 4</i> ).	No provision.
Requires the boards of elections to preserve all used and unused ballots from a nonfederal election for at least 81 days after the day of the election, instead of 60 days as required under current law ( <i>R.C. 3505.31</i> ).	No provision.
States that the General Assembly intends to appropriate funds to the Secretary of State to pay the costs incurred by the Secretary and the boards of elections in meeting the bill's requirements ( <i>Section 3</i> ).	No provision.

S.B. 71 (As Passed by the Senate)	Sub. S.B. 71 (I_135_3120-1)
<b>Primary candidates</b>	
No provision.	Allows any elector who is eligible to vote for an office at the general election (instead of only an elector of the same party as the candidate) to file a protest against a primary candidate for that office on any of the following grounds: citizenship, age, term limit or age limit, ineligibility due to criminal conviction, is already a candidate for another public office; or they neglected to include a former name on the candidate's filing and were required to do so ( <i>R.C. 3513.053 and conforming changes in R.C. 3513.041 and 3513.05</i> ).
No provision.	Requires declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions to have a space after the candidate's name instructing the candidate to provide any names used in the last five years, other than names changed as the result of marriage (continuing law requires candidates to write down these former names after their current name on their declaration of candidacy or petition, which typically do not have a space for, or instructions regarding, former names) ( <i>R.C. 3513.06, 3513.07, 3513.261, and 3513.271</i> ).
<b>Party central committees</b>	
No provision.	Permits a county central committee, if there is a vacancy in the office of county commissioner, prosecuting attorney, county auditor, county treasurer, clerk of the court of common pleas, sheriff, county recorder, county engineer, or coroner, if the official was elected as a partisan candidate, to fill the vacancy using a secret ballot process (requiring a majority vote as under continuing law) ( <i>R.C. 305.02</i> ).