



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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(As Reported by H. Government Accountability and Oversight)

Prohibits the online voter registration process created by the bill from being in operation and available for use before January 1, 2017.

Removes provisions of the bill that would have made changes to the law governing political party affiliations, including allowing an elector to declare the elector's political party affiliation at any time by filing a voter registration or update form.

Permits a voting machine, marking device, or automatic tabulating equipment to meet either Election Assistance Commission (EAC) guidelines or Federal Election Commission (FEC) standards.

Specifies that the federal certification requirements do not apply to such equipment if the EAC does not certify it as part of its testing and certification program.

Specifies that if a vacancy occurs in certain local offices, the vacancy must be filled by the local central committee of the political party that nominated the former officer or officer-elect as a candidate for that office for the current term.

Clarifies that, if the former officer or officer-elect was elected as an independent to serve the current term, certain local officials must fill the vacancy.