Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB940S1 **Patron:** Surovell
Bill Title: Elections; candidates for office; challenges to candidate qualifications.

Bill Summary: Requires any legal action relating to a person's eligibility to appear on the ballot on the basis that such person did not meet all qualifications or fulfill all requirements for candidacy to be filed in a circuit court and served on all parties at least 60 days before the date of the election. The bill specifies that any such legal action will be given precedence on the docket and be decided by the court no later than 30 days from service on all parties. The bill also specifies that candidates who are nominated at a primary election cannot be later challenged on the basis of facts that were present prior to the primary election and could have been raised in a challenge to such candidate's eligibility for the primary ballot.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Elections or Circuit Courts.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this bill stipulate that legal action, to secure a person's eligibility as a candidate, is given precedence on the docket and must be heard in a certain amount of time depending on the election. There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Other: N/A