Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB 1794E **Patron:** Helmer
Bill Title: Elections; primary dates; presidential year primaries.

Bill Summary: Provides that all primaries for offices to be filled at the November election in presidential election years shall be held on the date of the presidential primary. With respect to candidates for election in November of a presidential election year, the bill also lifts the requirement that petition signatures must be collected after January 1 of the presidential election year. The bill adjusts campaign finance filing deadlines for candidates in presidential year elections to account for the March primary date.

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

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Campaign Finance will need to update their system to account for new deadlines depending on the election year to meet the requirements.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
The Department of Elections	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate
TOTAL						

Fiscal Analysis: This bill provides that all primaries for offices to be filled at the November election in presidential election years shall be held on the date of the presidential primary. The Department of Elections (ELECT) expects a fiscal impact to Campaign Finance due to the provisions of this bill. ELECT expects issues implementing the new function due to current issues implementing a system with similar logic to the provisions of this bill. Funds are allocated in the Governors Introduced Budget to begin planning a new Campaign Finance System that will include the capabilities to have different schedules.

Other: Similar legislation includes SB1119.