

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 372

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

February 17, 2015

An act to amend Section 8604 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 372, as introduced, Bigelow. Elections: write-in candidates.

Existing law generally prohibits requiring write-in candidates for office to pay a fee or charge. Existing law requires other candidates to pay a filing fee or to submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of a filing fee, as specified.

This bill would require write-in candidates for a voter-nominated office who advance to the general election to pay the prescribed filing fee in order to appear on the general election ballot.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8604 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 8604. ~~No (a) Except as provided in Section 10228 and in~~
4 ~~subdivision (b), a fee or charge shall not be required of a write-in~~
5 ~~candidate except in the case of a candidate for city office, as~~
6 ~~provided in Section 10228 candidate.~~
7 (b) A write-in candidate for a voter-nominated office who
8 receives the highest or second highest number of votes cast at the

- 1 *primary election shall pay the filing fee prescribed by Section 8103*
- 2 *to the Secretary of State to appear on the ballot at the ensuing*
- 3 *general election.*