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Summary of Changes in CS for HB 53

The following changes have occurred between the original version of HB 53 and CS HB 53.

Eligibility requirements relate to service rather than appointment.

HB 53 Version \A Section 1 (c) stipulates that a person is not eligible for appointment to a state board, commission, or authority if that person sought nomination or became a candidate of elective state or federal office during the preceding year.

It was determined upon review that this would allow people currently serving on boards, commissions, and authorities to continue their service even if they sought nomination or became a candidate for elective state or federal office, a conflict the bill was supposed to eliminate. Version \R fixes this loophole.

Under the committee substitute, Section 1 (c) determines that neither a sitting legislator nor a legislative challenger could be appointed or serve on a state board if the person sought nomination or became a candidate for elective state or federal office during the preceding year, unless holding a particular elective state or federal office is required by law for appointment.

The committee substitute also adds a subsection (d) (page 1, line 8), which notes that seeking nomination or becoming a candidate for elective state or federal office terminates one's membership on the board or commission.