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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE BILL 385 S-1 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 2/10/02

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First House Committee: Redistricting and Elections

SUMMARY

In its current form 1976 PA 451, the revised school code, requires that candidates for intermediate school district (ISD) boards shall be nominated by petitions signed by at least 50 registered school electors of the ISD. This bill states that if the population of the ISD is less than 10,000 according to the most recent federal census then a minimum of six and maximum of 20 signatures are needed. Conversely, if the population is 10,000 or more, a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 signatures would be required. Furthermore, the bill includes language allowing a candidate to pay a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee instead adhering to the former signature requirements.

The bill would have no fiscal impact upon state government. Local governments will receive minimal fee revenue from the \$100 fee, but may realize labor savings due to fewer nominating petitions and therefore less signatures to verify. Both the fee amounts and labor savings are indeterminate.