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Summary of Revisions to the

RULES FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE FILING FEES

The State Board of Election Commissioners met on June 23, 2015 and approved for public comment revisions to the "Rules for Nonpartisan Office Filing Fees". The public comment period ended on August 10, 2015. The State Board of Election Commissioners met again on October 30, 2015 to approve revisions to the "Rules for Nonpartisan Office Filing Fees".

Below is a summary of the rules that were approved by the Board on June 23, 2015 for the public comment period, followed by a list of persons commenting on the rule, a summary of the comments, the agency's response to the comments, and the changes to the rules as a result of the public comments.

Initial changes include: 1) Section 100: amending the definition of "Annual Salary" to reflect that the Independent Citizens Commission sets the annual salaries for nonpartisan officeholders; and 2) Section 102: making filing fees for nonpartisan offices nonrefundable.

PERSONS COMMENTING ON THE RULE

None

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

N/A

AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

N/A

RULE CHANGES AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A. However the board did make one change on its own motion. The Annual Salary definition in § 100 was amended to say "for the purpose of these rules, the salary established by the *General Assembly during Regular sessions or the Independent Citizens Commission* for each office for the fiscal year in which the candidate files for office." Salaries for local district judges are still set by the legislature; other salaries contained in this rule are set by the Independent Citizens Commission.