

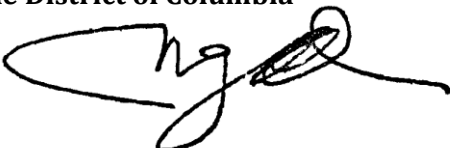
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: December 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Presidential Primary Ballot Access
Emergency Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation shared with OCFO on December 5, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955¹ to allow a candidate to qualify to be listed on the presidential primary ballot if they are in compliance with the rules of the candidate’s political party, providing candidates a second way to qualify for the ballot in addition to collecting 1,000 signatures on a petition. Under this proposed new method of qualifying for the ballot, the political parties would be required to certify a candidate’s compliance to the Board of Elections and Ethics by January 4th of the election year.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2012 through FY 2015 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District’s budget and financial plan, but changes the requirements for candidates to appear on the presidential primary ballot.

¹ Approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 700; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 et seq.).