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S.B. 201 135th General Assembly	Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Requires candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court and the courts of appeals to appear on the nonpartisan ballot at a general election.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill requires candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court and the courts of appeals to appear on the nonpartisan ballot at a general election, with no indication of a political party affiliation or endorsement. However, under continuing law, those candidates are to be nominated at partisan primary elections. Ohio currently uses this method for nominating and electing judges of the courts of common pleas, municipal courts, and county courts.[1]

The bill reverses the changes made by S.B. 80 of the 134th General Assembly, which placed candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court and the courts of appeals on the partisan ballot at general elections beginning in 2022.[2]

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	12-06-23

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[1] R.C. 3501.01, 3505.03, 3505.04, and 3513.257.

[2] Available on the General Assembly's website at legislature.ohio.gov.