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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Proctor
Members of the House Committee on Elections

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 7, 2023

Subject: HB 2087 – Selection of presidential electors.

House Bill No. 2087 (HB 2087) would amend various election statutes regarding the selection of presidential electors. Currently, state laws provides for the nomination of presidential electors in the same manner as candidates for office. HB 2087 would require that recognized political parties adopt procedures for the selection of presidential electors for their party and then select their presidential electors in accordance with those procedures.

The bill would also clarify how the names of presidential electors are certified to the Secretary of State. The process would remain essentially unchanged for political parties with a state organization. However, if the party has no state organization, then the names will be certified by the national organization. If the candidate is an independent candidate, then the candidate is to certify the names. All names are to be certified by September 1st in a presidential election year.

If enacted, HB 2087 would become effective on July 1, 2023.