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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Senate Bill 265 would require at least one legislative committee hold a public hearing on a bill if a petition signed by a specified number of individuals qualified to vote in Wisconsin is received and certified by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The threshold number of signatures is specified as at least three percent of the vote cast for Governor at the most recent gubernatorial election. (Based on the 2018 gubernatorial vote, three percent would be approximately 80,200 petition signatures.) The bill specifies that hearings required as a result of a petition would be held within 30 days of the Commission filing the certification with the Legislature. The bill also specifies that the Commission may not certify a petition after February 1 of each even-numbered year and before the next regular session of the Legislature commences.

It is anticipated that any costs to the Legislature associated with the provisions of Senate Bill 265 could be addressed within existing budget authority.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications