

HB 1917 -- Primary Elections

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This bill changes the filing period for a candidate in a primary election from the last Tuesday in February through the last Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday following the third Monday in May through the first Tuesday following the first Monday in June. The filing deadline for a declaration of candidacy for a county committee position is changed from the last Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June.

A candidate wishing to withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy or nomination for an office must do so no later than the sixth Tuesday prior to the primary election. Currently, the candidate must do so no later than the eleventh Tuesday prior to the election.

Currently, when a candidate dies, is disqualified, or withdraws after 5:00 p.m. on the eighth Tuesday prior to the primary election, certain procedures are specified. The bill changes the date to when a candidate dies, is disqualified, or withdraws after 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Tuesday prior to the election.

The Secretary of State must transmit a certified list of candidates to each election authority no later than the fifth Tuesday before the primary election. Currently, the list must be transmitted no later than the tenth Tuesday before the election.