

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1965

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELMER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.349, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to candidate filing dates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 115.349, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.349, to read as follows:

115.349. 1. Except as otherwise provided in **this subsection**, sections 115.361 to 115.383, or sections 115.755 to 115.785, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official primary ballot unless the candidate has filed a written declaration of candidacy in the office of the appropriate election official by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in March immediately preceding the primary election. **For all primary elections held in August after August 28, 2012, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official primary ballot for nomination to any county or state office unless the candidate has filed the required declaration of candidacy by 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in March immediately preceding the primary election.**

2. No declaration of candidacy for nomination in a primary election shall be accepted for filing prior to 8:00 a.m. on the last Tuesday in February immediately preceding the primary election.

3. Each declaration of candidacy for nomination in a primary election shall state the candidate's full name, residence address, office for which such candidate proposes to be a candidate, the party ticket on which he or she wishes to be a candidate and that if nominated and elected he or she will qualify. The declaration shall be in substantially the following form:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 I,, a resident and registered voter of the county of and the state of
 18 Missouri, residing at, do announce myself a candidate for the office of on the party
 19 ticket, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the day of, ..., and I further
 20 declare that if nominated and elected to such office I will qualify.

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Subscribed and sworn to Signature of
 candidate before me this day
 of,

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26 Residence address

Signature of election

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official or other officer

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authorized to administer oaths

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31 Mailing address (if different)

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33 Telephone Number (Optional)

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35 If the declaration is to be filed in person, it shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate
 36 before an official authorized to accept his or her declaration of candidacy. If the declaration is
 37 to be filed by certified mail pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 115.355, it shall
 38 be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before a notary public or other officer authorized
 39 by law to administer oaths.

