



January 31, 2023

SENATE BILL No. 177

DIGEST OF SB 177 (Updated January 30, 2023 12:24 pm - DI 104)

Citations Affected: IC 3-8.

Synopsis: School board candidate filing deadline. Changes the time frame that a candidate for a school board office is required to file the candidate's petition of nomination.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

Koch, Buck

January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.
January 30, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-8-2.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,
2 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) A petition of nomination for a school board
4 office must be filed:
5 (1) not earlier than ~~one hundred four (104) days~~; **the first day**
6 **voter registration begins following the primary as set forth in**
7 **IC 3-7-13-10(c)**; and
8 (2) not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **thirty (30) days from**
9 **the date specified in subdivision (1).**
10 ~~before the general election.~~ The petition must be subscribed and sworn
11 to before a person authorized to administer oaths.
12 (b) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school
13 board office must be filed:
14 (1) not earlier than ninety (90) days before the general election **is**
15 **held**; and
16 (2) not later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the general
17 election **is held**.

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1 The declaration must be subscribed and sworn to before a person
2 authorized to administer oaths.

3 (c) A person who files a petition of nomination for a school board
4 office may, at any time not later than noon ~~seventy-one (71) days~~ **July**
5 **15** before the general election, file a statement with the same office
6 where the person filed the petition of nomination, stating that the
7 person is no longer a candidate and does not wish the person's name to
8 appear on the election ballot as a candidate.

9 ~~(d) A person who files a declaration of intent to be a write-in~~
10 ~~candidate for a school board office may, at any time not later than noon~~
11 ~~seventy-one (71) days before the general election, file a statement with~~
12 ~~the same office where the person filed the declaration of intent, stating~~
13 ~~that the person is no longer a write-in candidate for the office.~~



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Elections, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 177, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 5, strike "one hundred".

Page 1, line 5, delete "eighteen (118)".

Page 1, line 5, strike "days;" and insert "**the first day voter registration begins following the primary as set forth in IC 3-7-13-10(c);**".

Page 1, line 7, delete "eighty-eight (88)" and insert "**thirty (30)**".

Page 1, line 7, delete ";" and insert "**from the date specified in subdivision (1).**".

Page 1, line 8, strike "before".

Page 1, line 8, delete "the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year".

Page 1, line 9, delete "in which".

Page 1, line 9, strike "the general".

Page 1, line 9, delete "election" and insert "**election:**".

Page 1, line 9, delete "is held."

Page 1, line 13, reset in roman "ninety (90)".

Page 1, line 13, delete "one hundred eighteen (118)".

Page 1, line 14, delete "the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each".

Page 1, line 15, delete "year in which".

Page 1, line 16, reset in roman "seventy-four (74) days".

Page 1, line 16, delete "June 30".

Page 1, line 17, delete "." and insert "**is held.**".

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 "(c) A person who files a petition of nomination for a school board office may, at any time not later than noon ~~seventy-one (71) days~~ **July 15** before the general election, file a statement with the same office where the person filed the petition of nomination, stating that the person is no longer a candidate and does not wish the person's name to appear on the election ballot as a candidate."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 177 as introduced.)

FORD JON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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