

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

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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 177

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

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

SECTION 1. IC 3-8-2.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013, SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) A petition of nomination for a school board office must be filed:

(1) not earlier than ~~one hundred four (104) days~~; **the first day voter registration begins following the primary as set forth in IC 3-7-13-10(c)**; and

(2) not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **thirty (30) days from the date specified in subdivision (1)**.

~~before the general election~~. The petition must be subscribed and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.

(b) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school board office must be filed:

(1) not earlier than ninety (90) days before the general election **is held**; and

(2) not later than noon seventy-four (74) days before the general election **is held**.

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

(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

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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.

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

SECTION 2. IC 3-8-2.5-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.194-2013, SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) A person may not be selected as a candidate by petition of nomination without giving written consent and having it filed with the public official with whom certificates and petitions of nomination are required to be filed.

(b) Each candidate nominated by petition of nomination for a school board office must satisfy all statutory eligibility requirements for the office for which the candidate is nominated, including the filing of statements of economic interest.

(c) A statement questioning the validity of a petition of nomination or contesting the denial of certification under section 6 of this chapter must be filed with the county election board in accordance with IC 3-8-1-2 not later than noon ~~sixty-seven (67)~~ **seventy-four (74)** days before the date of the general election. A question regarding the validity of a petition of nomination or the denial of certification shall be referred to and determined by the county election board not later than noon ~~fifty-four (54)~~ **sixty (60)** days before the date of the general election.

(d) A statement concerning the validity of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school board office under section 4 of this chapter must be filed with the county election board in accordance with IC 3-8-1-2 not later than noon sixty-seven (67) days before the date of the general election. A question regarding the validity of a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school board office shall be referred to and determined by the county election board not later than noon fifty-four (54) days before the date of the general election.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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