

SB 580 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes posting deadlines for certain information and documents related to elections that are required to be filed. It requires that a candidate's name and office must be posted not more than five business days after a declaration of candidacy is filed; a declaration of candidacy must be posted no more than two business days after a candidate is determined to be eligible to be a candidate, except for candidates for precinct committee persons; and, a withdrawal must be posted no more than two business days after it is filed. It also establishes that if the information is not publicly posted on the county or city website, then a person may request the information from the county or city elections official, and they must provide the information within five business days of the request. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 29

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Nominating petitions, Declarations of Candidacy

A nominating petition or declaration of candidacy is required to be filed for an eligible elector who wants to become a candidate for public office for a major political party. These documents contain the candidate's name, residence address, the position they are seeking nomination for, certain statements, and their signature. They must be filed no sooner than the 250th day, and not later than the 70th day, before the nominating election. When filed, they are dated and time stamped by the filing officer.

[House Bill 3073 A \(2023\)](#) limited the public accessibility of a candidate's residence address listed on a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy on publicly available versions of these documents.

Certificate of nomination

A certificate of nomination is the document for being nominated by an entity other than a major political party, such as a minor political party, an assembly of electors, or an individual elector. The information collected is the same as that for nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy.

Declarations of Withdrawal

Any individual who filed a nominating petition or a declaration of candidacy may withdraw, no later than the 67th day before the election, by filing a declaration of withdrawal with the filing officer that accepted the nominating petition or declaration of candidacy.