

SB 580 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Frederick**Senate Committee On Rules****Action Date:** 04/28/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/2, 4/28**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 posted, then it may be available, upon request, within five days of the request.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The need for consistency and transparency of filing deadlines among counties and cities
- Whether there is agreement among counties and cities to the timelines in the measure
- The need for access to information, if it is not posted
- The need to accommodate for various levels of resources at different county and city offices

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment establishes posting deadlines for certain information, and documents related to elections, that are required to be filed, and establishes that if the information is not posted, then it may be available upon request.

Detailed Summary**Posting deadlines**

- Requires the candidate's name and office to be posted not more than five business days after a declaration of candidacy is filed.
- Requires the declaration of candidacy to be posted no more than two business days after a candidate is determined to be eligible to be a candidate, and does not apply to candidates for precinct committee persons.
- Requires a withdrawal to be posted no more than two business days after it is filed.

Public records requests

- Requires information to be available within five business days of the request.
- Allows a county or city to charge a fee for physical copies.
- Prohibits a county or city from charging a fee for digital copies or inspection at the county or city office.

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

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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.