

**43.16 Filed nomination papers — returns and additions not allowed — withdrawal.**

1. After a nomination paper has been filed, it shall not be returned to the person who has filed the paper, nor shall any signature or other information be added to the nomination paper.

2. *a.* A person who has filed nomination petitions with the state commissioner may withdraw as a candidate not later than the seventy-sixth day before the primary election by notifying the state commissioner in writing.

*b.* A person who has filed nomination papers with the commissioner may withdraw as a candidate not later than the sixty-ninth day before the primary election by notifying the commissioner in writing.

3. The name of a candidate who has withdrawn or died on or before the final day to withdraw as a candidate for that office shall be omitted from the certificate furnished by the state commissioner under [section 43.22](#) and omitted from the primary election ballot.

[S13, §1087-a10; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §542; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §43.16]

[86 Acts, ch 1224, §1](#); [89 Acts, ch 136, §7](#); [2015 Acts, ch 30, §31](#); [2021 Acts, ch 147, §7, 54](#)

Withdrawal of candidacy, [§43.76](#)

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