

44.4 Nominations and objections — time and place of filing.

1. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and [chapter 45](#) which are required to be filed in the office of the state commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than ninety-nine days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventy-third day before the date of the general election to be held in November. Nominations made for a special election called pursuant to [section 69.14](#) shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of an election called upon at least forty days' notice and not less than fourteen days before the date of an election called upon at least eighteen days' notice. Nominations made for a special election called pursuant to [section 69.14A](#) shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of the election. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and [chapter 45](#) which are required to be filed in the office of the commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than ninety-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixty-ninth day before the date of the general election. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) or [chapter 45](#) for city office shall be filed not more than seventy-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the forty-seventh day before the city election with the county commissioner of elections responsible under [section 47.2](#) for conducting elections held for the city, who shall process them as provided by law.

2. a. Objections to the legal sufficiency of a certificate of nomination or nomination petition or to the eligibility of a candidate may be filed by any person who would have the right to vote for a candidate for the office in question. The objections must be filed with the officer with whom the certificate or petition is filed and within the following time:

(1) Those filed with the state commissioner, not less than sixty-eight days before the date of the election.

(2) Those filed with the commissioner, not less than sixty-four days before the date of the election, except as provided in subparagraph (3).

(3) Those filed with the commissioner for an elective city office, at least forty-two days before the regularly scheduled or special city election. However, for those cities that may be required to hold a primary election, at least sixty-three days before the regularly scheduled or special city election.

(4) In the case of nominations to fill vacancies occurring after the time when an original nomination for an office is required to be filed, objections shall be filed within three days after the filing of the certificate.

b. Objections shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the final date for filing.

[C97, §1103; C24, §654; C27, 31, 35, §655-a4; C39, §655.04; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §44.4]

[87 Acts, ch 221, §3](#); [88 Acts, ch 1119, §8](#); [88 Acts, ch 1246, §1](#); [89 Acts, ch 136, §24](#); [90 Acts, ch 1238, §8](#); [95 Acts, ch 189, §5](#); [97 Acts, ch 170, §7](#); [98 Acts, ch 1123, §2](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1134, §13, 115](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1032, §201](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1101, §1, 2](#); [2017 Acts, ch 110, §71](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1149, §3, 12](#)

Referred to in [§49.31](#), [99F7](#), [331.237](#), [331.323](#), [376.4](#)

Subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraph (1) amended