

44.9 Withdrawals.

Any candidate named under [this chapter](#) may withdraw the candidate's nomination by a written request filed as follows:

1. In the office of the state commissioner, at least eighty-one days before the date of the election.
2. In the office of the appropriate commissioner, at least seventy-four days before the date of the election, except as otherwise provided in [subsection 6](#).
3. In the office of the appropriate school board secretary, at least forty-two days before the day of a regularly scheduled school election.
4. In the office of the state commissioner, in case of a special election to fill vacancies in Congress or the general assembly, not more than:
 - a. Twenty days after the date on which the governor issues the call for a special election to be held on at least forty days' notice.
 - b. Five days after the date on which the governor issues the call for a special election to be held on at least ten but less than forty days' notice.
5. In the office of the appropriate commissioner or school board secretary in case of a special election to fill vacancies, at least twenty-five days before the day of election.
6. In the office of the appropriate commissioner, 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 a regularly scheduled or special city election.

[C97, §1101; SS15, §1101; C24, §652; C27, 31, 35, §655-a9; C39, §**655.09**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §44.9]

[87 Acts, ch 221, §4, 5](#); [89 Acts, ch 136, §25](#); [91 Acts, ch 129, §8](#); [98 Acts, ch 1123, §3](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1101, §5](#); [2017 Acts, ch 110, §72](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1026, §22](#); [2019 Acts, ch 59, §21](#); [2019 Acts, ch 148, §50](#); [2021 Acts, ch 147, §18, 54](#); [2025 Acts, ch 123, §33](#)

Referred to in [§44.10](#), [44.11](#), [277.4](#), [376.4](#)

Applicability to candidates nominated by petition, see [§45.4](#)

Subsection 1 amended