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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to candidate filing deadlines for certain city
2 elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 376.4, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 An eligible elector of a city may become a candidate for an
4 elective city office by filing with the city clerk a valid
5 petition requesting that the elector's name be placed on the
6 ballot for that office. The petition must be filed not more
7 than seventy-one days nor and not less than forty-seven days
8 before the date of the election, and must be signed by
9 eligible electors equal in number to at least two percent of
10 those who voted to fill the same office at the last regular
11 city election, but not less than ten persons. However, for
12 those cities which may be required to hold a primary election,
13 the petition must be filed not more than eighty-five days and
14 not less than sixty-eight days before the date of the regular
15 city election. A person may sign nomination petitions for
16 more than one candidate for the same office, and the signature
17 is not invalid solely because the person signed nomination
18 petitions for one or more other candidates for the office.
19 Nomination petitions shall be filed not later than five
20 o'clock p.m. on the last day for filing.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill extends from 47 days to 68 days the candidate
23 filing deadline for candidates in city elections where the
24 city is required to hold a primary election. A city may
25 provide by ordinance to hold runoff elections or to allow
26 nominations of candidates in the same manner as nonpolitical
27 party organizations. In the absence of either ordinance, a
28 city is required to hold a primary election if the number of
29 candidates filing valid nomination petitions for an office is
30 at least twice the number of positions to be filled.

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