

House File 335 - Introduced

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BY HANUSA

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the filing of nomination papers by persons
2 seeking nomination by a nonparty political organization.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 44.4, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **44.4 Nominations and objections — time and place of filing.**

4 1. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and chapter
5 45 which are required to be filed in the office of the state
6 commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than
7 ninety-nine days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~seventy-third~~
8 eighty-first day before the ~~date of the general election to be~~
9 held in November first Tuesday after the first Monday in June
10 in each even-numbered year. Nominations made for a special
11 election called pursuant to [section 69.14](#) shall be filed by
12 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of an
13 election called upon at least forty days' notice and not less
14 than fourteen days before the date of an election called upon
15 at least eighteen days' notice. Nominations made for a special
16 election called pursuant to [section 69.14A](#) shall be filed by
17 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of
18 the election. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and
19 chapter 45 which are required to be filed in the office of
20 the commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than
21 ninety-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixty-ninth day
22 before the ~~date of the general election~~ first Tuesday after the
23 first Monday in June in each even-numbered year. Nominations
24 made pursuant to [this chapter](#) or [chapter 45](#) for city office
25 shall be filed not more than seventy-two days nor later than
26 5:00 p.m. on the forty-seventh day before the city election
27 with the county commissioner of elections responsible under
28 section 47.2 for conducting elections held for the city, who
29 shall process them as provided by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill changes the filing deadline for nomination papers
21 of persons seeking to be a nonparty political organization's
22 candidate for elected office. The bill changes the deadlines
23 for filing nomination papers and objections to the same
24 deadline that is applied to persons seeking to be a political
25 party's candidate for elected office.