

Senate File 68 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to nomination deadlines for nonparty political
- 2 organizations.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 44.4, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
2 to read as follows:

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

29 ~~b.~~ ~~Notwithstanding paragraph "a", nominations for president~~
30 ~~and vice president of the United States shall be filed in the~~
31 ~~office of the state commissioner not more than ninety-nine days~~
32 ~~nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the eighty-first day before the date~~
33 ~~of the general election to be held in November.~~

34 Sec. 2. Section 44.4, subsection 2, paragraph a,
35 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2025, are amended to read as

1 follows:

2 (1) Those filed with the state commissioner, not less than
3 ~~seventy-four~~ sixty-eight days before the ~~first Tuesday after~~
4 ~~the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year, or for~~
5 ~~certificates of nomination filed under subsection 1, paragraph~~
6 ~~"b", not less than seventy-four days before the date of the~~
7 election.

8 (2) Those filed with the commissioner, not less than
9 ~~sixty-seven~~ sixty-four days before the ~~first Tuesday after the~~
10 ~~first Monday in June in each even-numbered year~~ date of the
11 election, except as provided in subparagraph (3).

12 Sec. 3. Section 44.9, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 1. In the office of the state commissioner, at least
15 eighty-one days before the date of the election, ~~or for~~
16 ~~withdrawals of nominations filed under section 44.4, subsection~~
17 ~~1, paragraph "b", at least seventy-six days before the date of~~
18 election.

19 Sec. 4. Section 44.11, Code 2025, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **44.11 Vacancies filled.**

22 If a candidate named under this chapter withdraws or dies
23 before the deadline established in section 44.9, declines
24 a nomination, or if a certificate of nomination is held
25 insufficient or inoperative by the officer with whom it is
26 required to be filed, or in case any objection made to a
27 certificate of nomination, or to the eligibility of any candidate
28 named in the certificate, is sustained by the board appointed
29 to determine such questions, the vacancy or vacancies may be
30 filled by the convention, or caucus, or in such manner as such
31 convention or caucus has previously provided. The vacancy or
32 vacancies shall be filled not less than seventy-six days before
33 the election in the case of nominations required to be filed
34 with the state commissioner ~~or not less than seventy-one days~~
35 ~~for nominations filed under section 44.4, subsection 1, paragraph~~

1 ~~"b"~~, not less than sixty-nine days before the election in the
2 case of nominations required to be filed with the commissioner,
3 not less than forty-two days before the election in the case of
4 nominations required to be filed in the office of the school
5 board secretary, and not less than forty-two days before the
6 election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the
7 commissioner for city elections.

8 EXPLANATION

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

11 This bill changes the filing deadline for nominations by
12 nonparty political organizations for all offices that are
13 required to be filed in the office of the state commissioner
14 of elections, including for president and vice president, to the
15 73rd day before the date of the general election to be held in
16 November, and the filing deadline for offices required to be
17 filed in the office of the county commissioner of elections to
18 the 69th day before the date of the general election. These
19 were the filing deadlines for such nominations prior to 2019.
20 The bill also makes conforming changes to the deadlines for the
21 filing of objections to such nominations.