

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Shields, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/15, 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires information regarding candidates for President and Vice President to be filed with county clerks no later than the 55<sup>th</sup> day before the November general election. Maintains requirement that all other information about candidates and measures be filed by the 61<sup>st</sup> day prior to the November general election. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Conflict between the Republican National Convention and the filing date for information about candidates
- Timing for county clerks to proof ballots

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires information regarding candidates for President and Vice President to be filed with county clerks no later than the 55<sup>th</sup> day before the election. All other information about candidates must be filed by the current deadline of 61 days before the election.

**BACKGROUND:** The Republican National Convention to nominate a candidate for President is scheduled for September 1-4 of this year. September 4<sup>th</sup> (61 days before the general election) is the current statutory deadline for the Secretary of State to file a statement with county clerks containing information regarding candidate for the offices of President and Vice President. This measure allows the Secretary of State to file the statement with clerks no later than the 55<sup>th</sup> day before the election (September 10<sup>th</sup>). With this extension, the Republican nominee will be printed in the Voters' Pamphlet.

The same calendar conflict was encountered during the 2004 election. Section 11 of House Bill 2825(2003) provided a similar solution that HB 3602 A provides for the 2008 election. The several day extension sunsets on January 2, 2009, therefore for future elections, the Secretary of State will be required to file statements 61 days prior to the general election.