

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Avakian, Brown, Ferrioli, Devlin
Nays:	Atkinson
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Marjorie Taylor, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/21

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Republican National Convention to nominate a candidate for President is scheduled for September 1-4 of this year. September 4th (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 55th day before the election (September 10th). 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.