

SB 580 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires a nominating petition, a declaration of candidacy or withdrawal, a certificate of nomination, or other document related to elections that are required to be filed, to be made publicly available on a county or city website, within two business days of those documents being filed.

Fiscal impact: The measure may have a fiscal impact, but a statement has not yet been issued.

Revenue impact: The measure may have a revenue impact, but a statement has not yet been issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendments do three things.

1. They change the posting deadline for certain documents related to elections that are required to be filed, from within two business days of those documents being filed, to five days, or one business day after the candidate is determined to be eligible to be a candidate, whichever is sooner.
2. They specify that the posting requirements do not apply to pages containing signatures.
3. They allow a candidate's financial status to be redacted from the documents before the documents are made publicly available.

BACKGROUND:

Nominating petitions, Declarations of Candidacy

Either a nominating petition, or declaration of candidacy, is required to be filed for an eligible elector who wants to become a candidate for public office for a major political party. These documents contain the candidate's name, residence address, the position they are seeking nomination for, certain statements, and their signature. They must be filed no sooner than the 250th day, and not later than the 70th day, before the nominating election. When filed, they are dated and time stamped by the filing officer.

[House Bill 3073 A \(2023\)](#) limited the public accessibility of a candidate's residence address listed on a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy on publicly available versions of these documents.

Certificate of nomination

A certificate of nomination is the document for being nominated by an entity other than a major political party, such as a minor political party, an assembly of electors, or an individual elector. The information collected is the same as that for nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy.

Declarations of Withdrawal

Any individual who filed a nominating petition or a declaration of candidacy may withdraw, no later than the 67th day before the election, by filing a declaration of withdrawal with the filing officer that accepted the nominating petition or declaration of candidacy.