

# SENATE BILL No. 217

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-8-2.5-4.

**Synopsis:** School board candidate filing deadlines. Requires a candidate for a school board office to file the candidate's petition of nomination during the same time period that candidates to be nominated for an office file their declarations of candidacy. Requires a candidate for a school board office who wishes to be a write-in candidate to file the candidate's declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate during the same time period that all other candidates who wish to be write-in candidates for other public offices file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-8-2.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.219-2013,  
2 SECTION 21, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) A petition of nomination for a school board  
4 office must be filed:  
5 (1) not earlier than one hundred ~~four (104)~~ **eighteen (118)** days;  
6 and  
7 (2) not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **eighty-eight (88)** days;  
8 before **the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each year**  
9 **in which the general election is held.** The petition must be subscribed  
10 and sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths.  
11 (b) A declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for a school  
12 board office must be filed:  
13 (1) not earlier than ~~ninety (90)~~ **one hundred eighteen (118)** days  
14 before **the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each**  
15 **year in which the general election is held;** and  
16 (2) not later than noon ~~seventy-four (74)~~ **days July 3** before the  
17 general election.



1 The declaration must be subscribed and sworn to before a person  
2 authorized to administer oaths.  
3 (c) A person who files:  
4 (1) a petition of nomination; **or**  
5 (2) **a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate;**  
6 for a school board office may, at any time not later than noon  
7 ~~seventy-one (71) days~~ **July 15** before the general election, file a  
8 ~~statement with the same office where the person filed the petition of~~  
9 ~~nomination~~, stating that the person is no longer a candidate and does  
10 not wish the person's name to appear on the election ballot as a  
11 candidate. **The statement must be filed with the same office where**  
12 **the person filed the petition of nomination or the declaration of**  
13 **intent to be a write-in candidate.**  
14 (d) ~~A person who files a declaration of intent to be a write-in~~  
15 ~~candidate for a school board office may, at any time not later than noon~~  
16 ~~seventy-one (71) days before the general election, file a statement with~~  
17 ~~the same office where the person filed the declaration of intent, stating~~  
18 ~~that the person is no longer a write-in candidate for the office.~~

