



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 822

SENATE BILL NO. 145

By Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 133

By Lamberth, Leatherwood, Harris, Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 8, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(2) Independent and primary candidates for any office to be filled at the regular November election for which a primary is required to be held at the regular August election shall qualify by filing such candidates' nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Tuesday in March.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(3), is amended by deleting the following language:

In the event no May primary authorized under § 2-13-203 is called for any office to be filled in the regular August general election, then the candidates shall qualify by filing their petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in April.

and substituting instead:

In the event no May primary authorized under § 2-13-203 is called for any office to be filled in the regular August general election, then the candidates shall qualify by filing their petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Tuesday in March.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(4), is amended by deleting the following language:

Candidates in municipal elections held in conjunction with the regular August election shall file their nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in April.

and substituting instead:

Candidates in municipal elections held in conjunction with the regular August election shall file their nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Tuesday in March.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(e), is amended by deleting the language:

If no primary is held, party nominees shall be certified no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in April.

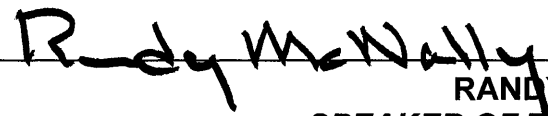
and substituting instead:

If no primary is held, party nominees shall be certified no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the second Tuesday in March.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect November 6, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR