

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the primary filing deadline falls on January 2. This is a date that is generally considered to be the end of the holiday season. It is difficult for candidates and political party workers to complete the necessary requirements and at the same time enjoy their holiday. H.B. 2276 creates a temporary provision to modify a number of deadlines for the general election primary for the year 2000.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2276 creates a temporary provision to modify a number of deadlines for the general election primary for the year 2000.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 172B, Election Code, by adding Section 172.0231, as follows:

Sec. 172.0231. TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR 2000 PRIMARY. Provides deadlines for the general primary election for the year 2000 relating to applications for a place on the general primary ballot, the state chair's delivery of the certification to the county chair, withdrawal of a candidate, applications for extensions, the drawing for ballot order, and certain other acts. Provides that this Act expires on January 1, 2001.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 181.0041, Election Code, to require a political party that intends to make nominations under this chapter for the general election for state and county officers to register with the secretary of state by the regular filing deadline for candidates in the general primary election, rather than January 2 of the election year.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 181.033(a), Election Code, to provide that except as provided by Subsection (b) an application for nomination by a convention must be filed by the regular filing deadline for candidates in the general primary election, rather than 5 p.m. on January 2 preceding the convention.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.