

HOUSE BILL NO. 397

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DEADLINE FOR AN INDEPENDENT OR MINOR PARTY CANDIDATE TO FILE THE CANDIDATE'S PETITION FOR NOMINATION ACCOMPANIED BY THE FILING FEE; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-10-503, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 13-10-503, MCA, is amended to read:

**"13-10-503. Filing deadlines.** (1) A petition for nomination and the affidavits of circulation required by 13-27-302, accompanied by the required filing fee, must be filed with the same officer with whom other nominations for the office sought are filed. Petitions must be submitted, at least 1 week before the deadline for filing, to the election administrator in the county where the signer resides for verification and certification by the procedures provided in 13-27-303 through 13-27-306. ~~If there are insufficient signatures on the petition, additional signatures may be submitted before the deadline for filing.~~ If sufficient signatures are verified and certified pursuant to 13-10-502, the county election administrator shall file the petition for nomination with the same officer with whom other nominations for the office sought are filed.

(2) Except as provided in 13-10-504, each petition for nomination, accompanied by the required filing fee, must be filed ~~by the applicable deadline established in 13-10-201(6)(a) or (6)(b)~~ no later than 10 calendar days after the third Friday in July."

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