

SENATE BILL NO. 270
INTRODUCED BY L. LARSON

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS; 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. ~~In the event~~ If there are insufficient signatures on the petition, additional signatures may be submitted before the deadline for filing.

(2) Except as provided in 13-10-504, each petition must be filed ~~before the scheduled primary election or the filing deadline for the special or general election if a primary election is not scheduled~~ by the deadline established in 13-10-201(6)."

COORDINATION SECTION. SECTION 2. COORDINATION INSTRUCTION. IF BOTH HOUSE BILL NO. 520 AND [THIS ACT] ARE PASSED AND APPROVED AND BOTH AMEND 13-10-503, THEN THE SECTIONS AMENDING 13-10-503 ARE VOID AND 13-10-503 MUST READ AS FOLLOWS:

"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. ~~In the event~~ 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 ~~before the scheduled primary election or the filing deadline for the special or general election if a primary election is not scheduled~~ by the deadline established in 13-10-201(6)."

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