

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1099
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Elections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires an application for nomination by convention to be filed not later than 5 p.m. on January 2 preceding the convention. Interested parties have expressed concerns that this creates a staggered filing deadline based on political party. H.B. 1099 seeks to create a uniform filing deadline regardless of party affiliation by creating a standardized deadline for filing an application for nomination by convention.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1099 amends the Election Code to require an application for nomination by a political party convention to be filed not later than the regular deadline for candidates to file applications for a place on the general primary ballot, rather than not later than 5 p.m. on January 2 preceding the convention.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.