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DIGEST

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Smith

Present law provides that a candidate in a primary election may withdraw by filing notice with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the seventh day after the close of the qualifying period.

Proposed law provides that a candidate in a primary election may withdraw by filing notice with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. no later than the fifth day prior to the first day of early voting.

Present law provides that a candidate in a general election may withdraw by filing notice with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. on the ninth day after the date of the primary election.

Proposed law provides that a candidate in a general election may withdraw by filing notice with the secretary of state prior to 4:30 p.m. no later than the fifth day prior to the first day of early voting.

Present law provides that election materials will be furnished at least 22 days before a primary election and as soon as possible for a general election.

Proposed law provides that election materials will be furnished no earlier than four days prior to the first day of early voting.

Effective July 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 18:501(A)(1) and (B)(1) and 552(A)(intro para))