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Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1381

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 1381

AN ACT extending the time of the party filing period.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1381

This enrolled bill amendment incorporates changes to the law made by 2026, 44:9.

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Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Elections; Nominations; No Declaration Filed; Version Effective January 1, 2028. Amend RSA 655:32, I to read as follows:

I. In case no declaration shall be filed by a candidate for any nomination to be voted for at a primary, the nomination may be made by the appropriate party committee as provided in this section. The chairperson of the appropriate party committee or their designee shall notify the secretary of state in writing of a person it designates to fill the vacancy. The person so designated may accept the nomination by filing with the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy as provided in RSA 655:17 within 10 business days following the close of the candidate filing period established by RSA 655:14. Any candidate accepting a nomination under this paragraph who has already filed for an incompatible office as defined in RSA 655:10 shall withdraw the prior filing. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a filing may be filled pursuant to this section. If the candidate is designated for the office of governor, councilor, state senator, or state representative, he or she shall also file on or before the [~~Wednesday~~] **second Friday** following the period for filing declarations of candidacy the appropriate affidavit as provided in RSA 655:29. Any candidate so designated by a party committee who has not filed all the forms required by this section within the required period of time shall not have his or her name printed on the state primary election ballot for that office.

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3 Effective Date.

- I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2028.
- II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.