

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 1381, extending the time of the party filing period.

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3 Recommendation:

4 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and  
5 concur with the Senate amendment, and

6 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by  
7 the Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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9 Amend RSA 655:32, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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11 I. In case no declaration shall be filed by a candidate for any nomination to be voted for at a  
12 primary, the nomination may be made by the appropriate party committee as provided in this  
13 section. The *chairperson of the* appropriate party committee *or their designee* shall notify the  
14 secretary of state in writing of a person it designates to fill the vacancy. The person so designated  
15 may accept the nomination by ~~[on or before the Wednesday following the expiration of the period for~~  
16 ~~filing declarations of candidacy as provided in RSA 655:14,]~~ filing with the secretary of state a  
17 declaration of candidacy as provided in RSA 655:17 ***within 10 business days following the close***  
18 ***of the candidate filing period established by RSA 655:14.*** Any candidate accepting a  
19 nomination under this paragraph who has already filed for an incompatible office as defined in RSA  
20 655:10 shall withdraw the prior filing. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a filing may be  
21 filled pursuant to this section. If the candidate is designated for the office of governor, councilor,  
22 state senator, or state representative, he or she shall also file on or before the Wednesday following  
23 the period for filing declarations of candidacy the appropriate affidavit as provided in RSA 655:29.  
24 Any candidate so designated by a party committee who has not filed all the forms required by this  
25 section within the required period of time shall not have his or her name printed on the state  
26 primary election ballot for that office.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 1381, extending the time of the party filing period.

Conferees on the Part of the Senate

Conferees on the Part of the House

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Sen. Gray, Dist. 6

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Rep. Berry, Hills. 44

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Sen. Lang, Dist. 2

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Rep. Qualey, Ches. 18

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Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist. 21

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Rep. Lane, Merr. 16

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Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 21

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Clarifies that in case no declaration is filed by a candidate for any nomination to be voted for at a primary, the chairperson of the appropriate party committee or their designee shall notify the secretary of state in writing of a person they designate to fill the vacancy.

II. Requires that a person designated to fill such a vacancy file a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state within 10 business days following the close of the candidate filing period.