

HB 1381 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1381***

AN ACT extending the time of the party filing period.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 21; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill allows political organizations to file on behalf of candidates for 10 days following the deadline for filing for an election.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT extending the time of the party filing period.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Candidate Filing. Amend RSA 655:14 to read as follows:

2 655:14 Filing: General Provisions.

3 ***I.*** The name of any person shall not be printed upon the ballot of any party for a primary
4 unless he or she is a registered member of that party, he or she shall have met the age and domicile
5 qualifications for the office he or she seeks at the time of the general election, he or she meets all the
6 other qualifications at the time of filing, and he or she shall file with the appropriate official between
7 the first Wednesday in June and the Friday of the following week a declaration of candidacy as
8 provided in RSA 655:17.

9 ***II.*** *Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the filing period for*
10 *political organizations to nominate candidates for state offices shall be extended to*
11 *include the 10 full business days immediately following the close of the candidate filing*
12 *period established under paragraph I. During this period, the chairperson of the political*
13 *organization may file nominations for any office for which no candidate filed during the*
14 *regular filing period. All filings shall be made with the secretary of state.*

15 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.