



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Effective date: September 9, 2015

ACT SUMMARY

- Delays by one week the date of a presidential primary election.
- Specifies that a declaration of candidacy or election petition filed for the 2016 primary election is not invalid on the ground that it identifies the date of that election as March 8, 2016, instead of March 15, 2016.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Date of presidential primary election

The act delays by one week the date of a presidential primary election. Under the act, such an election must be held on the *second* Tuesday after the first Monday in March instead of on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.¹

As a result, under the act, the corresponding deadlines associated with the presidential primary are delayed by one week. For example, the act delays the deadline for a candidate to submit a nominating petition to appear on the ballot and the deadline

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ R.C. 3501.01, 3513.01, and 3513.12.

to submit a ballot issue to appear on the ballot at a special election held on the day of a presidential primary election.²

Declarations of candidacy and petitions for the 2016 primary election

The act specifies that a declaration of candidacy or election petition filed for the 2016 primary election or a special election held on the day of that election must not be considered invalid on the ground that it identifies the date of the election as March 8, 2016, instead of March 15, 2016.³ Under continuing law, declarations of candidacy for a primary election and certain petitions to place an issue on the ballot at a special election held on the day of a primary election must state the date of the election.⁴

HISTORY

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² See, e.g., R.C. 731.28 and 3513.05, not in the act.

³ Section 3 of the act.

⁴ See, e.g., R.C. 303.12(H) and 3513.07, not in the act.

