



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. H.B. 153*

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by S. State & Local Government)

Reps. Dovilla, Amstutz, Antani, DeVitis, Pelanda, Sears, Rosenberger

BILL 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 bill delays by one week the date of a presidential primary election. Under the bill, 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 bill, the corresponding deadlines associated with the date of the presidential primary are delayed by one week. For example, the bill delays the deadline for a candidate to submit a nominating petition to appear on the ballot and the deadline to submit a ballot issue to appear on the ballot at a special election held on the day of a presidential primary election.²

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate State and Local Government Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 3501.01, 3513.01, and 3513.12.

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

Declarations of candidacy and petitions for the 2016 primary election

The bill 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

ACTION	DATE
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Reported, S. State & Local Gov't	---

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³ Section 3 of the bill.

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

