

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 567

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO CANDIDATES; AMENDING SECTION 34-704, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 34-704, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-704. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY. (1) Any person legally qualified to hold such office is entitled to become a candidate and file his declaration of candidacy. Each political party candidate for precinct, state, district or county office shall file his declaration of candidacy in the proper office between 8 a.m. on the twelfth Monday preceding the primary election and 5 p.m. on the ~~tenth~~ eleventh Friday preceding the primary election. All political party candidates shall declare their party affiliation in their declaration of candidacy and shall be affiliated with a party at the time of filing. A candidate shall be deemed affiliated with the political party if the candidate submits a party affiliation form along with the declaration of candidacy to the filing official. The filing official shall reject any declaration of candidacy for partisan office in a primary election from candidates who are not affiliated with a political party. Candidates for nonpartisan office shall file during the period provided for in this section.

(2) Candidates who file a declaration of candidacy under a party name and are not nominated at the primary election shall not be allowed to appear on the general election ballot under any other political party name, nor as an independent candidate.

(3) Independent candidates shall file their declaration of candidacy in the manner provided in section 34-708, Idaho Code.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.