

By Senator Ring

32-654-07

See HB

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the presidential preference primary; amending s. 103.101, F.S.; revising the dates relating to the presidential preference primary; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (6) of section 103.101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

103.101 Presidential preference primary.--

(1) Each political party other than a minor political party shall, on the first ~~second~~ Tuesday in February ~~March~~ in each year the number of which is a multiple of 4, or the first Tuesday immediately following the New Hampshire presidential preference primary, whichever occurs first, elect one person to be the candidate for nomination of such party for President of the United States or select delegates to the national nominating convention, as provided by party rule.

(2) There shall be a Presidential Candidate Selection Committee composed of the Secretary of State, who shall be a nonvoting chair; the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the President of the Senate; the minority leader of each house of the Legislature; and the chair of each political party required to have a presidential preference primary under this section.

(a) By October ~~December~~ 31 of the year preceding the ~~Florida~~ presidential preference primary, each political party shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of its presidential candidates to be placed on the presidential

1 preference primary ballot or candidates entitled to have  
2 delegates appear on the presidential preference primary  
3 ballot. The Secretary of State shall prepare and publish a  
4 list of the names of the presidential candidates submitted.  
5 The Secretary of State shall submit such list of names of  
6 presidential candidates to the selection committee on the  
7 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the  
8 ~~January each year preceding the~~ a presidential preference  
9 primary ~~election is held~~. Each person designated as a  
10 presidential candidate shall have his or her name appear, or  
11 have his or her delegates' names appear, on the presidential  
12 preference primary ballot unless all committee members of the  
13 same political party as the candidate agree to delete such  
14 candidate's name from the ballot. The selection committee  
15 shall meet in Tallahassee on the first Tuesday after the first  
16 Monday in November of the ~~January each year preceding the~~ a  
17 presidential preference primary ~~is held~~. The selection  
18 committee shall publicly announce and submit to the Department  
19 of State no later than 5 p.m. on the following day the names  
20 of presidential candidates who shall have their names appear,  
21 or who are entitled to have their delegates' names appear, on  
22 the presidential preference primary ballot. The Department of  
23 State shall immediately notify each presidential candidate  
24 designated by the committee. Such notification shall be in  
25 writing, by registered mail, with return receipt requested.

26 (b) Any presidential candidate whose name does not  
27 appear on the list submitted to the Secretary of State may  
28 request that the selection committee place his or her name on  
29 the ballot. Such request shall be made in writing to the  
30 Secretary of State no later than the second Tuesday after the

31

1 first Monday in November of the year preceding the  
2 presidential preference primary ~~January~~.

3 (c) If a presidential candidate makes a request that  
4 the selection committee reconsider placing the candidate's  
5 name on the ballot, the selection committee will reconvene no  
6 later than the second Thursday after the first Monday in  
7 November of the year preceding the presidential preference  
8 primary ~~January~~ to reconsider placing the candidate's name on  
9 the ballot. The Department of State shall immediately notify  
10 such candidate of the selection committee's decision.

11 (6) Delegates must qualify no later than the second  
12 Friday in November of the year preceding the presidential  
13 preference primary ~~January~~ in the manner provided by party  
14 rule.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31