



HOUSE BILL No. 5960

September 26, 2000, Introduced by Rep. Hanley and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 53, 54, 93, 94, 133, 134, 163, 164, 193, 194, 224, 225, 254, 256, 322, 322a, 349, and 351 (MCL 168.53, 168.54, 168.93, 168.94, 168.133, 168.134, 168.163, 168.164, 168.193, 168.194, 168.224, 168.225, 168.254, 168.256, 168.322, 168.322a, 168.349, and 168.351), sections 53, 163, 193, 224, 254, 322, and 349 as amended by 1999 PA 218, sections 93 and 133 as amended by 1996 PA 583, and section 164 as amended by 1990 PA 7.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 53. ~~To obtain the printing of~~ IN ORDER FOR the name
2 of a person as a candidate for nomination by a political party
3 for the office of governor TO APPEAR under a particular party
4 heading ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots, there shall be~~
5 ~~filed with the secretary of state nominating petitions~~ BALLOT, A

1 NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and
 2 registered electors residing in this state as determined under
 3 section 544f. ~~Nominating petitions~~ THE NOMINATING PETITION
 4 shall be signed by at least 100 registered resident electors in
 5 each of at least 1/2 of the congressional districts of the
 6 state. ~~Nominating petitions~~ A NOMINATING PETITION shall be in
 7 the form as prescribed in section 544c ~~. Nominating petitions~~
 8 AND shall be ~~received by~~ FILED WITH the secretary of state ~~for~~
 9 ~~filing in accordance with this act up to~~ NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. of
 10 the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the August
 11 primary IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER THAN
 12 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CAN-
 13 DIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

14 Sec. 54. After the filing of a nominating petition by or in
 15 behalf of a proposed candidate for governor, ~~such~~ THE candidate
 16 ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a written notice
 17 of withdrawal is served on the secretary of state or his OR HER
 18 duly authorized agent ~~not~~ NO later than 4 p.m., eastern stan-
 19 dard time, of the third day after the last day for filing ~~such~~
 20 ~~petitions~~ THE NOMINATING PETITION FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

21 Sec. 93. ~~To obtain the printing of~~ IN ORDER FOR the name
 22 of a person as a candidate for nomination by a political party
 23 for the office of United States senator TO APPEAR under a partic-
 24 ular party heading ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots,~~
 25 ~~there~~ BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION shall be filed with the sec-
 26 retary of state. ~~nominating petitions~~ THE NOMINATING PETITION
 27 SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and registered electors

1 residing within this state equal to not less than 1% or more than
 2 2% of the number of votes cast by the party for secretary of
 3 state at the last general November election in which a secretary
 4 of state was elected. The ~~petitions~~ NOMINATING PETITION shall
 5 be signed by at least 100 qualified and registered electors in
 6 each of at least 1/2 of the congressional districts of ~~the~~ THIS
 7 state. Nominating petitions shall be in the form as prescribed
 8 in section 544c. The ~~petitions~~ NOMINATING PETITION shall be
 9 ~~received by~~ FILED WITH the secretary of state ~~for filing in~~
 10 ~~accordance with this act up to~~ NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the
 11 ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the August primary
 12 IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE
 13 TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT
 14 THE INCUMBENT.

15 Sec. 94. After the filing of a nominating petition by or in
 16 behalf of a proposed candidate for United States senator, ~~such~~
 17 THE candidate ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a
 18 written notice of withdrawal is served on the secretary of state
 19 or his OR HER duly authorized agent ~~not~~ NO later than
 20 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern standard time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of
 21 the third day after the last day for filing ~~such petitions~~ THE
 22 NOMINATING PETITION FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

23 Sec. 133. ~~To obtain the printing of~~ IN ORDER FOR the name
 24 of a person as a candidate for nomination by a political party
 25 for the office of representative in congress TO APPEAR under a
 26 particular party heading ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots~~
 27 BALLOT in the ~~various~~ election precincts of a congressional

1 district, ~~there shall be filed nominating petitions~~ A
2 NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and
3 registered electors residing in the district equal to not less
4 than 1% or more than 2% of the number of votes cast by the party
5 in the district for secretary of state at the last general
6 November election in which a secretary of state was elected. If
7 the congressional district comprises more than 1 county, the nom-
8 inating ~~petitions~~ PETITION shall be filed with the secretary of
9 state. If the congressional district ~~comprises~~ IS WITHIN 1
10 county, ~~or less,~~ the nominating ~~petitions~~ PETITION shall be
11 filed with the county clerk of that county. Nominating petitions
12 shall be in the form as prescribed in section 544c. The
13 NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE secretary of state
14 ~~and the various county clerks shall receive nominating petitions~~
15 ~~for filing in accordance with this act up to~~ OR COUNTY CLERK NO
16 LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~
17 BEFORE the August primary IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO
18 LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRI-
19 MARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

20 Sec. 134. After the filing of a nominating petition by or
21 in behalf of a proposed candidate for representative in congress,
22 ~~such~~ THE candidate ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw
23 unless a written notice of withdrawal is served on the official
24 with whom the petition was filed or his OR HER duly authorized
25 agent ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern standard
26 time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last day for

1 filing ~~such petitions~~ THE NOMINATING PETITION FOR THE
2 PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

3 Sec. 163. (1) ~~To obtain the printing of~~ EXCEPT AS PRO-
4 VIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IN ORDER FOR the name of a person as a
5 candidate for nomination by a political party for the office of
6 state senator or STATE representative TO APPEAR under a particu-
7 lar party heading ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots in the~~
8 ~~various election precincts of a district, there shall be filed~~
9 ~~nominating petitions~~ BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE
10 signed by a number of qualified and registered electors residing
11 in the district as determined under section 544f. If the dis-
12 trict comprises more than 1 county, the nominating ~~petitions~~
13 PETITION shall be filed with the secretary of state. If the dis-
14 trict ~~comprises~~ IS WITHIN 1 county, ~~or less,~~ the nominating
15 ~~petitions~~ PETITION shall be filed with the county clerk of that
16 county. Nominating petitions shall be in the form prescribed in
17 section 544c. The NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
18 secretary of state ~~and the various county clerks shall receive~~
19 ~~nominating petitions for filing in accordance with this act up~~
20 ~~to~~ OR COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~
21 SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the August primary IF A CAN-
22 DIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH
23 TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE
24 INCUMBENT.

25 (2) ~~In lieu~~ INSTEAD of filing a nominating petition, THE
26 CANDIDATE MAY PAY a filing fee of \$100.00 ~~may be paid~~ to the
27 county clerk or, for a candidate in a district comprising more

1 than 1 county, to the secretary of state. Payment of the fee and
 2 certification of the name of the candidate paying the fee ~~shall~~
 3 ~~be~~ ARE governed by the same provisions as ~~in the case of~~ FOR A
 4 nominating ~~petitions~~ PETITION. The fee shall be deposited in
 5 the general fund of the county OR STATE and shall be refunded to
 6 candidates who are nominated and to an equal number of candidates
 7 who receive the next highest number of votes in the primary
 8 election. If 2 or more candidates tie in having the lowest
 9 number of votes allowing a refund, the sum of \$100.00 shall be
 10 divided among them. A refund of a deposit shall not be made to a
 11 candidate who withdraws as a candidate.

12 Sec. 164. After the filing of a nominating petition or
 13 filing fee by or in behalf of a proposed candidate for the office
 14 of state senator or STATE representative, ~~such~~ THE candidate
 15 ~~shall~~ IS not be permitted to withdraw unless a written notice
 16 of withdrawal is served on the official with whom his or her nom-
 17 inating ~~petitions~~ PETITION or filing fee ~~were~~ WAS filed, or
 18 his or her duly authorized agent, ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~
 19 P.M., eastern standard time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day
 20 after the last day for filing ~~such~~ THE NOMINATING petition OR
 21 FILING FEE FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

22 Sec. 193. (1) ~~To obtain the printing of~~ EXCEPT AS PRO-
 23 VIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IN ORDER FOR the name of a person TO
 24 APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT as a candidate for nomina-
 25 tion by a political party for an office named in section 191
 26 under a particular party heading, ~~upon the official primary~~
 27 ~~ballots, there~~ THE CANDIDATE shall ~~be filed~~ FILE A NOMINATING

1 PETITION with the county clerk. THE nominating ~~petitions~~
2 PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and registered
3 electors residing within the county as determined under
4 section 544f. Nominating petitions shall be in the form pre-
5 scribed in section 544c. The ~~county clerk shall receive~~ nomi-
6 nating petitions ~~up to~~ SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK NO
7 LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~
8 BEFORE the August primary IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO
9 LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRI-
10 MARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

11 (2) ~~To obtain the printing of the name of a candidate of a~~
12 ~~political party under the particular party's heading upon the~~
13 ~~primary election ballots in the various voting precincts of the~~
14 ~~county, there may be filed by the candidate, in lieu~~ INSTEAD of
15 filing ~~nomination petitions~~ A NOMINATING PETITION, THE CANDI-
16 DATE MAY PAY a filing fee of \$100.00 ~~to be paid~~ to the county
17 clerk. Payment of the fee and certification of the candidate's
18 name paying the fee ~~shall be~~ ARE governed by the same provi-
19 sions as ~~in the case of~~ FOR A nominating ~~petitions~~ PETITION.
20 The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the county and
21 shall be refunded to candidates who are nominated and to an equal
22 number of candidates who receive the next highest number of votes
23 in the primary election. If 2 or more candidates tie in having
24 the lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the sum of \$100.00
25 shall be divided among them. The deposits of all other defeated
26 candidates, as well as the deposits of candidates who withdraw or
27 are disqualified, ~~shall be~~ ARE forfeited and the candidates

1 shall be notified of the forfeiture. Deposits forfeited under
 2 this section shall be ~~paid into and credited to~~ DEPOSITED IN
 3 the general fund of the county.

4 Sec. 194. After the filing of a nominating petition or
 5 filing fee by or in behalf of a proposed candidate for any of the
 6 offices named in section 191, ~~of this act, such~~ THE candidate
 7 ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a written notice
 8 of withdrawal is served on the county clerk or his OR HER duly
 9 authorized agent ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern
 10 standard time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last
 11 day for filing ~~such~~ THE petition or filing fee ~~, as in this~~
 12 ~~act provided, unless~~ FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE. IF the third
 13 day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, ~~in which~~
 14 ~~case~~ the notice of withdrawal may be served on the clerk ~~up to~~
 15 ~~4 o'clock~~ NO LATER THAN 4 P.M., eastern standard time, on the
 16 next secular day.

17 Sec. 224. (1) ~~To obtain the printing of~~ EXCEPT AS PRO-
 18 VIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IN ORDER FOR the name of a person as
 19 candidate for nomination by a political party for the office of
 20 county auditor TO APPEAR under a particular party heading ~~upon~~
 21 ON the official primary ~~ballots, there shall be filed with the~~
 22 ~~county clerk nominating petitions~~ BALLOT, A NOMINATING PETITION
 23 SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and registered electors
 24 residing within the county as determined under section 544f.
 25 Nominating petitions shall be in the form prescribed in section
 26 544c. The ~~county clerk shall receive~~ nominating ~~petitions up~~
 27 ~~to~~ PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN

1 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the
2 August primary IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER THAN
3 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CAN-
4 DIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

5 (2) ~~To obtain the printing of the name of the candidate of~~
6 ~~a political party under the particular party's heading upon the~~
7 ~~primary election ballots in the various voting precincts of the~~
8 ~~county, there may be filed by the candidate, in lieu~~ INSTEAD of
9 filing ~~nominating petitions,~~ A NOMINATING PETITION, THE CANDI-
10 DATE MAY PAY a filing fee of \$100.00 ~~to be paid~~ to the county
11 clerk. Payment of the fee and certification of the name of the
12 candidate paying the fee ~~shall be~~ ARE governed by the same pro-
13 visions as ~~in the case of~~ FOR A nominating ~~petitions~~
14 PETITION. The fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the
15 county and shall be refunded to candidates who are nominated and
16 to an equal number of candidates who received the next highest
17 number of votes in the primary election. If 2 or more candidates
18 tie in having the lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the
19 sum of \$100.00 shall be divided them. The deposits of all other
20 defeated candidates and of candidates who withdraw or are dis-
21 qualified ~~shall be~~ ARE forfeited and the candidates shall be
22 notified of the forfeitures. Deposits forfeited under this sec-
23 tion shall be ~~paid into and credited to~~ DEPOSITED IN the gen-
24 eral fund of the county.

25 Sec. 225. After the filing of A nominating ~~petitions~~
26 PETITION or filing fee by or in behalf of a proposed candidate
27 for the office of county auditor, ~~such~~ THE candidate ~~shall~~ IS

1 not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a written notice of
 2 withdrawal is served on the county clerk or his OR HER duly
 3 authorized agent ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern
 4 standard time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last
 5 day for filing ~~such petitions, as in this act provided, unless~~
 6 THE NOMINATING PETITION OR FILING FEE FOR THE PARTICULAR
 7 CANDIDATE. IF the third day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or
 8 legal holiday, ~~in which case~~ the notice of withdrawal may be
 9 served on the clerk ~~up to~~ NO LATER THAN 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., east-
 10 ern standard time, on the next secular day.

11 Sec. 254. (1) ~~To obtain the printing of~~ EXCEPT AS PRO-
 12 VIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), IN ORDER FOR the name of a person as a
 13 candidate for nomination by a political party for the office of
 14 county road commissioner TO APPEAR under a particular party head-
 15 ing ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots, there shall be filed~~
 16 ~~with the county clerk of the county nominating petitions~~ BALLOT,
 17 A NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified
 18 and registered electors residing within the county as determined
 19 under section 544f. Nominating petitions shall be in the form
 20 prescribed in section 544c. The ~~county clerk shall receive~~
 21 nominating ~~petitions up to~~ PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE
 22 COUNTY CLERK NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH
 23 Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the August primary in which county
 24 road commissioners are to be elected IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUM-
 25 BENT, AND NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE
 26 AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

1 (2) ~~To obtain the printing of the name of a candidate of a~~
2 ~~political party under the particular party's heading upon the~~
3 ~~primary election ballots in the various voting precincts of the~~
4 ~~county, there may be filed by each candidate, in lieu~~ INSTEAD of
5 filing A nominating ~~petitions~~ PETITION, THE CANDIDATE MAY PAY a
6 filing fee of \$100.00 ~~to be paid~~ to the county clerk. Payment
7 of the fee and certification of the name of the candidate paying
8 the fee ~~shall be~~ ARE governed by the same provisions as ~~in the~~
9 ~~case of~~ FOR A nominating ~~petitions~~ PETITION. The fee shall be
10 deposited in the general fund of the county and shall be returned
11 to all candidates who are nominated and to an equal number of
12 candidates who received the next highest number of votes in the
13 primary election. If 2 or more candidates tie in having the
14 lowest number of votes allowing a refund, the sum of \$100.00
15 shall be divided among them. The deposits of all other defeated
16 candidates, as well as the deposits of candidates who withdraw or
17 are disqualified, ~~shall be~~ ARE forfeited and the candidates
18 shall be notified of the forfeitures. Deposits forfeited under
19 this section shall be ~~paid into and credited to~~ DEPOSITED IN
20 the general fund of the county.

21 Sec. 256. After the filing of A nominating ~~petitions~~
22 PETITION or filing fee by or in behalf of a proposed candidate
23 for the office of county road commissioner, ~~such~~ THE candidate
24 ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a written notice
25 of withdrawal is served on the county clerk or his OR HER duly
26 authorized agent ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern
27 standard time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last

1 day for filing ~~such~~ THE NOMINATING petition ~~, as in this act~~
2 ~~provided~~ OR FILING FEE FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

3 Sec. 322. ~~To obtain the printing of~~ IN ORDER FOR the name
4 of a candidate of a political party for a city office, including
5 a ward office, TO APPEAR under the particular party heading on
6 the official primary election ~~ballots~~ BALLOT for use in the
7 city, ~~there~~ A NOMINATING PETITION shall be filed with the city
8 clerk. ~~of the city not later than 4 p.m. on the twelfth Tuesday~~
9 ~~preceding the August primary, or not later than 4 p.m. on the~~
10 ~~seventh Monday preceding the primary election provided to be held~~
11 ~~on the third Monday in February, nominating petitions~~ THE NOMI-
12 NATING PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and reg-
13 istered electors of the political party who reside in the city or
14 ward as determined under section 544f. THE NOMINATING PETITION
15 SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE SIXTEENTH TUESDAY
16 BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO
17 LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY BEFORE THE AUGUST PRI-
18 MARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT. THE NOMINATING PETI-
19 TION SHALL BE FILED NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE ELEVENTH MONDAY
20 BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON THE THIRD
21 MONDAY IN FEBRUARY IF A CANDIDATE IS THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER
22 THAN 4 P.M. ON THE SEVENTH MONDAY BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO
23 BE HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE
24 INCUMBENT. This section does not apply to a city IF the CITY'S
25 charter ~~of which~~ provides for a different method of nominating
26 ~~candidates~~ A CANDIDATE for public office. The ~~form of the~~

1 NOMINATING petition shall be IN THE FORM as provided in section
2 544c.

3 Sec. 322a. After the filing of a nominating petition or
4 filing ~~fees~~ FEE by or in behalf of a proposed candidate for a
5 city office, the candidate ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to with-
6 draw unless a written notice of withdrawal is served on the city
7 clerk ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern standard
8 time, ~~in the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last day for
9 filing the NOMINATING petition or filing fee FOR THE PARTICULAR
10 CANDIDATE as provided in this act or in THE local ~~charters~~
11 ~~unless~~ CITY CHARTER. IF the third day falls on a Saturday,
12 Sunday, or legal holiday, ~~in which case~~ the withdrawal may be
13 served on the city clerk ~~up to~~ NO LATER THAN 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M.,
14 eastern standard time, on the next secular day.

15 Sec. 349. (1) ~~To obtain the printing of~~ IN ORDER FOR the
16 name of a person as a candidate for nomination by a political
17 party for a township office TO APPEAR under the particular party
18 heading ~~upon~~ ON the official primary ~~ballots, there shall be~~
19 ~~filed with the township clerk nominating petitions~~ BALLOT, A
20 NOMINATING PETITION SHALL BE signed by a number of qualified and
21 registered electors residing within the township as determined
22 under section 544f. ~~Nominating petitions~~ A NOMINATING PETITION
23 shall be in the form prescribed in section 544c ~~. The~~ AND
24 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE township clerk ~~shall receive nominating~~
25 ~~petitions up to~~ NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. of the ~~twelfth~~ SIXTEENTH
26 Tuesday ~~preceding~~ BEFORE the August primary IF A CANDIDATE IS

1 THE INCUMBENT, AND NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. OF THE TWELFTH TUESDAY
2 BEFORE THE AUGUST PRIMARY IF A CANDIDATE IS NOT THE INCUMBENT.

3 (2) Within 4 days after the last day for filing nominating
4 petitions, the township clerk shall deliver to the county clerk a
5 list ~~setting forth~~ WITH the name, address, and political affil-
6 iation and office sought of each candidate who has qualified for
7 a position on the primary ballot.

8 Sec. 351. After the filing of a nominating petition by or
9 in behalf of a proposed candidate for a township office, ~~such~~
10 THE candidate ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ permitted to withdraw unless a
11 written notice of withdrawal is served on the township clerk
12 ~~not~~ NO later than 4 ~~o'clock~~ P.M., eastern standard time, ~~in~~
13 ~~the afternoon~~ of the third day after the last day for filing
14 ~~such petitions as in this act provided, unless~~ THE NOMINATING
15 PETITION FOR THE PARTICULAR CANDIDATE. IF the third day falls on
16 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, ~~in which case~~ the notice
17 of withdrawal may be served on the clerk ~~up to 4 o'clock~~ NO
18 LATER THAN 4 P.M., eastern standard time, on the next secular
19 day.