
SENATE BILL 5903

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By Senator Talmadge.

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1 AN ACT Relating to declarations of candidacy; amending RCW
2 29.18.105 and 29.15.120; providing an effective date; and providing an
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.18.105 and 1984 c 142 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, the
8 following rules govern a candidate's withdrawal of his or her
9 declaration of candidacy:

10 (a) A candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy at
11 any time before the Friday following the last day for candidates to
12 file under RCW 29.18.025 by filing, with the officer with whom the
13 declaration of candidacy was filed, a written, signed request that his
14 or her name not be printed on the ballot.

1 **(b)** There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of
2 candidacy filed during special filing periods held under RCW 29.18.032,
3 29.21.360, 29.21.370, or 29.68.080.

4 **(c)** No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate who withdraws
5 under this section. Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy
6 and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to each
7 candidate at the time he or she files.

8 **(2)** A candidate, not otherwise authorized to do so under subsection
9 (1) of this section, may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy
10 at any time for the sole purpose of filing a declaration of candidacy
11 for a different office or position: During a special filing period
12 held under RCW 29.18.032, 29.21.360, 29.21.370, or 29.68.080; or to
13 fill a ballot vacancy when the candidate has been selected by a
14 political party under RCW 29.18.160 to fill the vacancy.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.15.120 and 1990 c 59 s 86 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 **(1)** Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, the
18 following rules govern a candidate's withdrawal of his or her
19 declaration of candidacy:

20 **(a)** A candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy at
21 any time before the close of business on the Thursday following the
22 last day for candidates to file under RCW 29.15.020 by filing, with the
23 officer with whom the declaration of candidacy was filed, a signed
24 request that his or her name not be printed on the ballot.

25 **(b)** There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of
26 candidacy filed during special filing periods held under this title.

27 **(c)** The filing officer may permit the withdrawal of a filing for
28 the office of precinct committee officer at the request of the
29 candidate at any time if no absentee ballots have been issued for that

1 office and the general election ballots for that precinct have not been
2 printed.

3 (d) No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate who withdraws
4 under this section. Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy
5 and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to each
6 candidate at the time he or she files.

7 (2) A candidate, not otherwise authorized to do so under subsection
8 (1) of this section, may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy
9 at any time for the sole purpose of filing a declaration of candidacy
10 for a different office or position: During a special filing period
11 held under RCW 29.15.170, 29.15.180, 29.15.230, or 29.68.080; or to
12 fill a ballot vacancy when the candidate has been selected by a
13 political party under RCW 29.18.160 to fill the vacancy.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act shall expire July
15 1, 1992.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 2 of this act shall take effect
17 July 1, 1992.