

HB 533 -- CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elections

Currently, if after filing a declaration of candidacy, a candidate files a statement of withdrawal within two working days prior to the deadline specified in law, the time of filing for that office must be extended until 5:00 p.m. of the first Friday following the specified deadline. This bill specifies that if a candidate files a statement of withdrawal within two working days prior to the deadline, the time of filing for that office must immediately cease so that no other candidate may file for that office until the reopening of filing on the first Tuesday after the deadline expires until 5:00 p.m. on the immediately following Friday.