

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **2755**

vacancies in nominations shall be filed as provided in section 204B.13. No affidavit or petition shall be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

(d) Affidavits and petitions for county offices must be filed with the county auditor of that county. Affidavits and petitions for federal offices must be filed with the secretary of state. Affidavits and petitions for state offices must be filed with the secretary of state or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

(e) Affidavits other than those filed pursuant to subdivision 1a must be submitted by mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L, or any other law to the contrary and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions required to be filed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 204B.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Before primary.** (a) A candidate may withdraw from the primary ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy. The affidavit shall request that official to withdraw the candidate's name from the ballot and shall be filed no later than two days after the last day for filing for the office.

(b) If an incumbent candidate's affidavit of withdrawal is filed on the last day of the filing period or during the withdrawal period established under paragraph (a), the filing officer shall establish a supplemental filing period. The filing officer shall make a reasonable effort to notify the public of the incumbent candidate's withdrawal and the dates of the supplemental filing period. The supplemental filing period must begin within two weeks of the incumbent candidate's withdrawal and must be open for one calendar day.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to candidate withdrawals occurring on or after that date.