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HOUSE BILL 1539
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

Except for candidates in municipal elections as provided in subdivisions (a)(3) and (4), independent and primary candidates qualifying for an August primary election shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions, including any duplicate nominating petitions required to be filed under §§ 2-5-103 and 2-5-104, no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in the fourth calendar month before the August election. Independent and primary candidates for all other elections shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions, including any duplicate nominating petitions required to be filed under §§ 2-5-103 and 2-5-104, no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the third Thursday in the third calendar month before an election.

and substituting instead the following:

Independent and primary candidates shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions, including any duplicate nominating petitions required to be filed under §§ 2-5-103 and 2-5-104, no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in the third calendar month before an election.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "the first Thursday in April" and substituting instead the language "first Thursday in May".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.