

**Representative Norman K Thurston** proposes the following substitute bill:

**ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to election law.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a deadline by which an individual who wishes to become a candidate for a local school board shall submit a declaration of candidacy.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-14-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 1

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **20A-14-203** is amended to read:

**20A-14-203. Becoming a member of a local board of education -- Declaration of candidacy -- Election.**



26 (1) An individual may become a candidate for a local school board:  
27 (a) (i) in the 2016 general election, by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county  
28 clerk [and], in accordance with Section 20A-9-202, before 5 p.m. on March 17, 2016; or  
29 (ii) in a general election held after 2016, by filing a declaration of candidacy with the  
30 county clerk on or after the second Friday in March, and before 5 p.m. on the third Thursday in  
31 March, before the next regular general election; and  
32 (b) by paying the fee as required by Section 20A-9-202.

33 (2) (a) The term of office for an individual elected to a local board of education is four  
34 years, beginning on the first Monday in January after the election.

35 (b) A member of a local board of education shall serve until a successor is elected or  
36 appointed and qualified.

37 (c) A member of a local board of education is "qualified" when the member takes or  
38 signs the constitutional oath of office.

39 **Section 2. Effective date.**

40 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
41 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
42 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
43 the date of veto override.