

Election Code Cleanup



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Primary Election Certifications



Issue:

- Lt. Governor must certify the Primary Election ballot **before** political parties certify the candidates who advance through convention.
- In 2018:
 - Lt. Governor's certification: April 25, 2018
 - Political party certification: April 30, 2018

Option:

- Move Lt. Governor's certification **after** the political party certification.

Local School Board Residency



Issue:

- Candidates for local school board must be a resident of their district for at least one year as of the “**date of the election.**”
- “**Date of the election**” is unclear. Does it refer to the last election or the last election for local school board?

Ballot Proposition Arguments



Issues:

- In some circumstances, voters and legislators may file a request to write an argument. There are no deadlines to make this request.



- Legislators may request to write an argument against an initiative, but code does not specify to whom they make the request.
- Arguments have word limits, but it is unclear whether names, titles, addresses, or co-authors count toward the word limit.

Handling Completed Ballots



Issue:

- Code allows one individual to handle or deliver ballots when they are completed.

Options:

- Require two poll workers to handle or deliver completed ballots.
- Require certain security measures (e.g., two keys to open ballot box).

Election Deadlines



Issue:

- Few code sections specify a time associated with a deadline.
- May cause inconsistent application of deadlines (e.g., close of business, 5:00 pm, 11:59 pm)

Election Notices & Publication



- Election officials are required to publish several election-related notices in a local newspaper.
- Notices can often be expensive, and some counties do not have a local newspaper.
- **Options:**
 - Provide election officials with more options to publish notices (e.g., website, mailing);
 - Require newspaper publication, but refer voters to website or a phone number for more comprehensive information.