

HB 126 -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

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This bill reinstates the presidential preference primary election, to be held statewide on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

In a presidential primary election, challengers may collect information about the party ballot selected by the voter and may disclose party affiliation information after the polls close.

A person who files to be included on the presidential primary ballot is not prohibited from filing as a party candidate for nomination to another office.

Specific deadlines for administrative actions by local election authorities and the Secretary of State that are necessary to hold the presidential preference primary are specified in the bill.

The conduct of the presidential preference primary must conform as nearly as possible to that prescribed for the primary election for state officers.

All costs of the presidential preference primary, except for proportional costs for any political subdivision or special district holding an election on the same day, will be paid by the state.

This bill is similar to HB 347 (2023).