HB 2480 -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

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

This bill extends the in-person, no-excuse absentee voting period from two to three weeks.

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. For any county with more than 500 polling places, the State must assist in assuring adequate poll workers and equipment.

This bill is the similar to HB 126 (2025).