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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would amend Section 17-13-5, Code
9 of Alabama 1975, relating to the filing deadline
10 dates and time for candidates for public office in
11 the primary elections and the certifying of primary
12 election candidates, to change the deadline from
13 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 To amend Section 17-13-5, Code of Alabama 1975,
20 relating to the filing deadline dates and time for candidates
21 for public office in primary elections and the certifying of
22 primary election candidates; to change the deadline hours from
23 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on such dates.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 17-13-5, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§17-13-5.

1 "(a) All candidates for nomination to public office
2 or for election to party office in the primary election
3 provided for in this chapter shall file their declaration of
4 candidacy with the state party chair if they seek any federal,
5 state, circuit, or district office, or the state Senate, House
6 of Representatives, or any other office that is not a county
7 office not later than ~~5:00~~ 6:00 P.M. 60 days before the date
8 of the primary election. All candidates for nomination or
9 election to a county office shall file their declaration with
10 the county party chair not later than ~~5:00~~ 6:00 P.M. 60 days
11 before the date of the primary election.

12 "(b) The state party chair shall, no later than ~~5:00~~
13 6:00 P.M. 55 days before the primary election, certify the
14 names of all primary election candidates, except candidates
15 for county offices, to the Secretary of State. The county
16 party chair shall, not later than ~~5:00~~ 6:00 P.M. 55 days prior
17 to the date of the primary election, certify to the judge of
18 probate the names of all candidates for nomination to county
19 offices or election to county party offices. The Secretary of
20 State shall, not less than 50 days prior to the date of the
21 primary election, and not less than 25 days prior to the
22 primary election in the 1992 election cycle only, certify to
23 the judge of probate of every county in which the election is
24 to be held the names of the opposed candidates for nomination
25 to federal, state, circuit, or district offices, the state
26 Senate, House of Representatives, and all other opposed

1 candidates to public or party office, except candidates for
2 county offices.

3 "(c) The judge of probate of each county shall have
4 the ballots prepared for the primary election. If a legally
5 qualified candidate for nomination to an office is unopposed
6 when the last date for filing declarations of candidacy has
7 passed, his or her name shall not appear on the ballots to be
8 used in the primary election, and he or she shall be the
9 nominee of the party with which he or she has qualified for
10 the office. If a legally qualified candidate for election to a
11 party office is unopposed when the last date for filing
12 declarations of candidacy has passed, his or her name shall
13 not appear on the ballots to be used in the primary election,
14 and he or she shall be declared elected to the party office
15 for which he or she qualified."

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.