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AN ACT to repeal 10.12 (2) (a) and (4) (e) (title), 10.14 (3) (b), 10.16 (3) (k) 2 and 10.18 (4) (b); to renumber 10.12 (3) (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4, (am), (b) and (e) and (4) (b) 1 and 2, (c) 1, 2 and 3, (d), (e) 1, 2 and 3, (f) and (g), 10.14 (2) (a) to (c), (3) (a), (c), (d) and (e) and (4) (a) to (j), 10.16 (3) (title), (b), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j) and (k) 1, (4) (title), (a) to (k) and (m) to (u) and (5) to (7), 10.18 (4) (title), (a) and (c) to (h) and (5) and 10.20 (3) (b) and (c) and (4) (a) to (k) and (m) to (o); to renumber and amend 10.12 (2) (b); to amend 5.02 (2), 7.10 (3) (a), 7.30 (4) (a), 8.05 (1) (a), (3) (a) and (e) and (4) (a) and (b), 8.10 (2), 10.06 (1) (a) to (c) and (e), (2) (a) and (3) (a), 10.12 (1); (2) (b), (c) (title) and 1 and (d), (3) (f) and (g) (title) and 1 and (4) (b) 2 and 4, all as renumbered; 10.14 (1) (a); (b) and (c), (2) (a) and (b) (title) and 1 and (3) (e) and (g) (title) and 1, 10.16 (4) (c) 1, (d), (n) (title), 1 (intro.) and 2 (intro.), (r) (title) 1. a, 2. a and 3. a and (5) (b) and 10.20 (3) (f), (k) (title) and 1 and (4) (c), all as renumbered; to repeal and recreate 10.16 (1), (2) and (3) (a), (c), (d) and (g), 10.18 (1), (2) and (3) and 10.20 (1); and to create 10.12 (1) (c), 10.16 (3) (title), (b), (e) and (f) and 10.18

(4) of the statutes, relating to spring primary elections, changing election date and other related dates.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 5.02 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

5.02 (2) "Spring primary" means the nonpartisan primary held the ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February to nominate candidates to be voted for at the spring election.

SECTION 2. 7.10 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.10 (3) (a) The county clerk shall distribute the ballots to the municipal clerks 3 weeks before any primary or general election. ~~He shall distribute the ballots for the spring election so they are received by the municipal clerks at least 10 days before the election.~~ Election blanks prepared by the secretary of state shall be distributed at the same time.

SECTION 3. 7.30 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (4) (a) Except in cities where there is a board of election commissioners, the mayor, president or chairman of each municipality shall nominate to the governing body at their first regular meeting in February of each odd-numbered year the necessary election officials for each election ward. If no regular meeting is scheduled, he shall call a special meeting for the purpose on the ~~last~~ first Tuesday in February.

SECTION 4. 8.05 (1) (a), (3) (a) and (e) and (4) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

8.05 (1) (a) When nomination papers are not used, there shall be a caucus to nominate candidates. The governing body shall between ~~January 4~~ December 15 and ~~February 10~~ January 15 decide the date of the caucus. The date of the caucus may be established between the last Tuesday in ~~February~~ January and the ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February. When possible, preference should be given to having the caucus on the ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February. If a primary is held on the day of the caucus, the caucus shall be held after the polls close.

(3) (a) In lieu of sub. (1), the electors either by referendum or at the town meeting may provide for nomination of elective town office candidates at a nonpartisan primary conducted as provided in sub. (5). The nomination papers shall be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 100 electors of the town. The nomination papers shall be circulated not sooner than ~~the first day of January~~ December 15 preceding the election and shall be filed with the town clerk not later than 5 p.m. the ~~last~~ 3rd Tuesday in January.

(e) Petitions requesting a vote on the question at a regular town election shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. the ~~2nd last~~ last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February. When the petition is filed, the clerk shall check its sufficiency. Whether at a regular or special election, the clerk shall give separate notice by one publication in a newspaper at least 5 days before the election.

(4) (a) A majority of the governing body of any village may provide under s. 8.11 (1) (a) and (b) that candidates for elective village office shall be nominated by a nonpartisan primary, under sub. (5). Determination of the governing body to provide for such primary under s. 8.11 (1) (a) shall be made not later than December ~~45~~ 1 preceding the election.

(b) Nomination papers shall be signed by not less than 20 nor more than 100 electors of the village. The papers shall be circulated not sooner than ~~the first day of January~~ December 15 preceding the election and shall be filed with the village clerk not later than 5 p.m. the last 3rd Tuesday in January.

SECTION 5. 8.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

8.10 (2) Nomination papers for offices to be filled at the spring election shall be circulated not sooner than ~~the first day of January~~ December 15 preceding the election and shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the last 3rd Tuesday in January.

SECTION 6. 10.06 (1) (a) to (c) and (e), (2) (a) and (3) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

10.06 (1) (a) On or before ~~the 2nd Tuesday in~~ December 1 preceding a spring election the secretary of state shall send a type A notice to each county clerk.

(b) On the last 2nd Tuesday in December the secretary of state shall publish one type A notice of the coming spring election. Publication shall be on the next day if Tuesday is a holiday.

(c) As soon as possible after the deadline for filing nomination papers for the spring election ~~on the last Tuesday in January~~, but no later than the first Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday in ~~February~~ January, the secretary of state shall send a type B notice certifying the list of candidates to each county clerk if a primary is required.

(e) As soon as possible following the state canvass of the spring primary vote, but no later than the 3rd first Tuesday in March, the secretary of state shall send a type B notice certifying to each county clerk the list of candidates for the spring election. When no primary is held, this notice shall be sent under par. (c). When there are referenda questions, he shall send a type C notice certifying the questions to the county clerks as soon as possible, but no later than the 3rd first Tuesday in March. On the 3rd first Tuesday in March the secretary of state shall publish one notice of all candidates and offices which he has certified. Also on the 3rd first Tuesday in March the secretary of state shall publish one type C notice for any referenda questions which he has certified.

(2) (a) On the ~~last Tuesday~~ first and 2nd Tuesdays in December ~~and the first Tuesday in January~~ preceding a spring election each county clerk shall publish a type A notice based on the relevant portions of the notice received from the secretary of state and incorporating any county offices. Publication shall be on the next day if Tuesday is a holiday.

(3) (a) On the ~~last 2nd~~ Tuesday in December preceding a spring municipal election the municipal clerk shall publish one type A notice for municipal offices. Publication shall be on the following day if Tuesday is a holiday.

SECTION 7. 10.12 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10.12 (1) DECEMBER. (a) (title) *December 1*. On or before ~~the 2nd Tuesday in~~ December 1 the secretary of state sends a type A notice of the spring election to the county clerks. See s. 10.06 (1) (a).

(b) (title) *2nd Tuesday in December*. On the last 2nd Tuesday in December, or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday, the secretary of state publishes one type A notice for the spring election. See s. 10.06 (1) (b).

SECTION 8. 10.12 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

10.12 (1) (c) *December 15*. December 15 is the earliest date that nomination papers may be circulated for candidates running in the spring election. See s. 8.10 (2).

SECTION 9. 10.12 (2) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 10. 10.12 (2) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 10.12 (2) (a) and amended to read:

10.12 (2) (a) (title) *3rd Tuesday in January*. 5 p.m., on the ~~last~~ 3rd Tuesday in January, is the deadline for filing nomination papers for the spring election. See s. 8.10 (2).

SECTION 11. 10.12 (3) (a) 1, 2 and 3 of the statutes are renumbered 10.12 (2) (b) and (c) 1 and 2 and 10.12 (2) (b) and (c) (title) and 1, as renumbered, are amended to read:

10.12 (2) (b) (title) *Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday in January*. As soon as possible after the deadline for filing nomination papers, but no later than the ~~first Thursday after the 3rd~~ Thursday after the 3rd Tuesday in ~~February~~ January, the secretary of state sends the county clerks notice of required primary and includes the certified list of candidates. See s. 10.06 (1) (c).

(c) (title) *Last Tuesday in January*. 1. 5 p.m., on the ~~first~~ last Tuesday in ~~February~~ January, is the deadline to decline nomination for all persons filing nomination papers on the ~~last~~ 3rd Tuesday in January as a candidate for an office which includes more than one county. See s. 8.35 (1).

SECTION 12. 10.12 (3) (a) 4, (am), (b) and (e) and (4) (b) 1 and (c) 1 and 2 of the statutes are renumbered 10.12 (3) (a) and (b), (2) (d) and (3) (h), (f) and (g) 1 and 2, respectively, and 10.12 (2) (d) and (3) (f) and (g) (title) and 1, as renumbered, are amended to read:

10.12 (2) (d) (title) *3rd Tuesday before primary*. On the 3rd Tuesday before the spring ~~election~~ primary the secretary of state publishes one notice of all candidates for each office in the spring primary. See s. 10.06 (1) (d).

(3) (f) (title) *3rd Tuesday in February*. The ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February is the spring primary. See s. 5.02 (2).

(g) (title) *4th Tuesday in February*. 1. Candidate's and personal campaign committee's verified financial statements shall be filed on the ~~2nd~~ 4th Tuesday in ~~March~~ February. See s. 12.09 (1).

SECTION 13. 10.12 (4) (b) 2, (c) 3, (d), (e) 1, 2 and 3, (f) and (g) of the statutes are renumbered 10.12 (4) (b) 1, (c), (a), (b) 2, 3 and 4, (d) and (e), respectively, and 10.12 (4) (b) 2 and 4, as renumbered, are amended to read:

10.12 (4) (b) 2. As soon as possible after the state canvass but no later than the ~~3rd~~ first Tuesday in March the secretary of state sends the county clerks a type B notice and a type C notice, when necessary, of the spring election. See s. 10.06 (1) (e).

4. The ~~3rd~~ first Tuesday in March is the deadline for groups under s. 12.09 (5) to file expense statements of their efforts in the spring primary to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).

SECTION 14. 10.12 (4) (e) (title) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 15. 10.14 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10.14 (1) (a) (title) *First Tuesday in December*. On the ~~last~~ first Tuesday in December, or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday, the county clerk uses the relevant parts of the notice received from the secretary of state, adds county offices and publishes the first of 2 type A notices. See s. 10.06 (2) (a).

SECTION 16. 10.14 (2) (a) to (c), (3) (a), (c), (d) and (e) and (4) (a) to (j) of the statutes are renumbered 10.14 (1) (c) and (b), (2) (a) and (b), (3) (a) to (g) and (4) (a) to (f), respectively, and 10.14 (1) (b) and (c), (2) (a) and (b) (title) and 1 and (3) (e) and (g) (title) and 1, as renumbered, are amended to read:

10.14 (1) (b) (title) *2nd Tuesday in December*. On the ~~first~~ 2nd Tuesday in ~~January~~ December, or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday, the county clerk publishes the 2nd of 2 type A notices. See s. 10.06 (2) (a).

(c) (title) *December 15*. ~~January 1~~ December 15 is the earliest date that nomination papers may be circulated for candidates running for office in the spring election. See s. 8.10 (2).

(2) (a) (title) *3rd Tuesday in January*. 5 p.m., on the ~~last~~ 3rd Tuesday in January, is the deadline for candidates running for office in the spring election to file nomination papers. See ss. 8.05 (3) (a) and (4) (b) and 8.10 (2).

(b) (title) *Last Tuesday in January*. 1. On the ~~first~~ last Tuesday in ~~February~~ January the county clerk upon receipt of the notice from the secretary of state prepares the ballots and gives notice to all municipal clerks that there will be a primary. See s. 10.06 (2) (b).

(3) (e) (title) *3rd Tuesday in February*. The ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February is the spring primary. See s. 5.02 (2).

(g) (title) *Last Tuesday in February*. 1. On the ~~2nd~~ last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February the candidates and personal campaign committees shall file their verified financial statements. See s. 12.09 (1).

SECTION 17. 10.14 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 18. 10.16 (1) and (2) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

10.16 (1) NOVEMBER. (a) *November 1*. November 1 is the earliest application may be made for absentee ballots for the spring primary. See s. 6.86.

(2) DECEMBER. (a) *2nd Tuesday in December*. On the 2nd Tuesday in December, or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday, the municipal clerk publishes one type A notice of the municipal spring election. See s. 10.06 (3) (a).

(b) *December 15*. December 15 is the earliest date nomination papers may be circulated for candidates running in the spring election. See ss. 8.05 (3) (a) and (4) (b) and 8.10 (2).

(c) *60 days before primary*. Until 60 days before the spring primary, wards may be united to facilitate using voting machines. See s. 5.15 (6) (b).

SECTION 19. 10.16 (3) (title), (b), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k) 1 and (4) (title), (a) to (k) and (m) to (u) of the statutes are renumbered 10.16 (4) (title), (a) to (c), (e) to (g) and (d), (5) (title), (4) (h) to (j), (5) (a), (4) (k) and (m) to (r) and (5) (b) to (j), respectively, and 10.16 (4) (c) 1, (d), (n) (title), 1 (intro.) and 2 (intro.), (r) (title), 1, a, 2. a and 3. a and (5) (b), as renumbered, are amended to read:

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10.16 (4) (c) 1. In February in odd-numbered years, except in cities that have a board of election commissioners, the municipal executive shall nominate to the governing body at the first regular meeting the necessary election officials. If no regular meeting is scheduled a special meeting shall be called on the ~~last~~ first Tuesday in February. See s. 7.30 (4).

(d) (title) *First Tuesday in February*. 1. On the ~~last~~ first Tuesday in February in odd-numbered years, whenever there is no regular meeting of the governing body of the municipality scheduled ~~during February~~, the municipal clerk shall call a special meeting. See s. 7.30 (4) (a).

(n) (title) *3rd Tuesday in February*. 1. (intro.) The first 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February is the latest date the town or village caucus may be held. See s. 8.05 (1) (a).

2. (intro.) The first 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February is the spring primary. See s. 5.02 (2).

(r) (title) *Last Tuesday in February*. 1. a. 5 p.m., on the ~~2nd~~ last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February, is the deadline for filing petition in towns requesting submission of question whether to require nomination papers and a nonpartisan primary in lieu of the caucus. See s. 8.05 (3) (e).

2. a. 5 p.m., on the ~~2nd~~ last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February, is the deadline for all persons nominated to office which includes more than one county to decline nomination. See s. 8.35 (1).

3. a. Candidate's and personal campaign committee's verified financial statements shall be filed on the ~~2nd~~ last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February. See s. 12.09 (1).

(5) (b) (title) *First Tuesday in March*. 1. The ~~3rd~~ first Tuesday in March is the deadline for groups under s. 12.09 (5) to file expense statements of their efforts in the spring primary to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).

2. On the ~~3rd~~ first Tuesday in March voting machines used in the spring primary may be reactivated. See s. 7.23 (1) (b).

SECTION 20. 10.16 (3) (title), (b), (e) and (f) of the statutes are created to read:

10.16 (3) (title) JANUARY. (b) *Prior to January 15*. Between December 15 and January 15, towns and villages having a caucus shall establish the caucus date between the last Tuesday in January and the 3rd Tuesday in February. See s. 8.05 (1) (a).

(e) *30 days before primary*. 1. The deadline for selecting tabulators to assist with the spring primary canvass is 30 days before the spring primary. See s. 7.30 (3).

2. The deadline for establishing polling places is 30 days before the spring primary. See s. 5.25 (1).

(f) *3rd Wednesday before primary*. 1. 5 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday before the spring primary, is the deadline for voter registration. See ss. 6.28 (1) and 6.30 (3) (c).

2. The 3rd day after registration closes is the latest the registering municipal clerk may mail voting privilege cancellation cards. See s. 6.40 (1) (b)

SECTION 21. 10.16 (3) (a), (c), (d) and (g) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

10.16 (3) (a) *January 1*. On January 1 preceding a primary, the municipal clerks certify the number of electors in the district. See s. 5.66 (1).

(c) *3rd Tuesday in January.* 5 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday in January, is the deadline for candidates running for office in the spring election to file nomination papers. See ss. 8.05 (3) (a) and (4) (b) and 8.10 (2).

(d) *3 days after 3rd Tuesday in January.* The deadline for a city to decide to hold a spring primary or for a petition requesting a spring primary is 3 days after the 3rd Tuesday in January. See ss. 8.10 (2) and 8.11 (1) (a) and (c).

(g) *Last Tuesday in January.* 1. The last Tuesday in January is the earliest date the town or village caucus may be held. See s. 8.05 (1) (a). At least 5 days' notice of the caucus shall be given. See s. 8.05 (1) (b).

2. Declination of nomination must be filed within 5 days after the caucus. See s. 8.05 (1) (j).

SECTION 22. 10.16 (3) (k) 2 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 23. 10.16 (5) to (7) of the statutes are renumbered 10.16 (6) to (8).

SECTION 24. 10.18 (1), (2) and (3) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

10.18 (1) DECEMBER. (a) *December 15.* December 15 is the earliest nomination papers may be circulated for candidates running for office in the spring election. See ss. 8.05 (3) (a) and (4) (b) and 8.10 (2).

(2) JANUARY. (a) *3rd Tuesday in January.* 5 p.m., on the 3rd Tuesday in January, is the deadline for candidates running for office in the spring election to file nomination papers. See ss. 8.05 (3) (a) and (4) (b) and 8.10 (2).

(b) *4th Tuesday in January.* 1. 5 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday in January, is the deadline for all persons filing nomination papers on the 3rd Tuesday in January as a candidate for office which includes more than one county to decline nomination. See s. 8.35 (1).

2. Vacancies may be filled within 2 days. See s. 8.35 (2).

(3) FEBRUARY. (a) *Tuesday before primary.* 1. On the Tuesday before the primary every group under s. 12.09 (5) shall file an expense statement of its efforts to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).

2. Candidate's and personal campaign committee's verified financial statements shall be filed on the Tuesday before the primary. See s. 12.09 (1).

(b) *Friday before primary.* 1. The Friday before spring primary is the deadline for filing observer appointments. See s. 7.38 (1) (b).

2. Vacancies may be filled in 4 days. See s. 7.38 (3).

(c) *3rd Tuesday in February.* 1. Declination of nomination must be filed within 5 days of the town or village caucus if held. See s. 8.05 (1) (j).

2. The 3rd Tuesday in February is the spring primary. See s. 5.02 (2).

3. Upon completion of the ward canvass, the results shall be announced, the results telephoned to the proper clerks and all materials returned to the municipal clerk immediately. See ss. 7.51 (4) (b) and (5) and 7.53 (1).

(d) *2 days after primary municipal canvass.* 1. 5 p.m., 2 days after spring primary municipal canvass, is the deadline for declination of nomination to office. See s. 8.35 (1).

2. Vacancies may be filled within 2 days. See s. 8.35 (2).

(e) *3 days after last day of municipal canvass.* 1. 5 p.m., 3 days after last day of municipal canvass, is the deadline to demand first recount. See s. 9.01 (1) (a).

2. At 9 a.m. on the day following filing of recount petition the board of canvassers reconvenes to begin recount procedure. See s. 9.01 (1) (b).

3. 5 p.m., 2 days after completion of first recount, is the deadline to demand recount in any remaining wards. See s. 9.01 (4).

4. No later than 5 days after recount determination aggrieved parties may appeal to circuit court. See s. 9.01 (6).

(f) *3 days after last day of county canvass.* 1. 5 p.m., 3 days after last day of county canvass, is the deadline to demand first recount. See s. 9.01 (1) (a).

2. At 9 a.m. on the day following filing of recount petition the board of canvassers reconvenes to begin recount procedure. See s. 9.01 (1) (b).

3. 5 p.m., 2 days after completion of first recount, is the deadline to demand recount in any remaining wards. See s. 9.01 (4).

4. No later than 5 days after recount determination aggrieved parties may appeal to circuit court. See s. 9.01 (6).

(g) *3 days after last day of state canvass.* 1. 5 p.m., 3 days after last day of canvass, is the deadline to demand first recount. See s. 9.01 (1) (a).

2. At 9 a.m. on day following filing of recount petition the board of canvassers reconvenes to begin recount procedure. See s. 9.01 (1) (b).

3. 5 p.m., 2 days after completion of first recount, is the deadline to demand recount in any remaining wards. See s. 9.01 (4).

4. No later than 5 days after recount determination aggrieved parties may appeal to circuit court. See s. 9.01 (6).

(h) *2 days after primary county canvass.* 1. 5 p.m., 2 days after spring primary county canvass, is the deadline for declination of nomination to office. See s. 8.35 (1).

2. Vacancies may be filled within 2 days. See s. 8.35 (2).

(i) *4th Tuesday in February.* 1. 5 p.m., on the 4th Tuesday in February, is the deadline for all persons nominated to office which includes more than one county to decline nomination. See s. 8.35 (1).

2. Vacancies may be filled within 2 days. See s. 8.35 (2).

3. Candidate's and personal campaign committee's verified financial statements must be filed on the 4th Tuesday in February. See s. 12.09 (1).

(j) *10 days after primary.* The deadline for submitting campaign bills for payment is 10 days after primary. See s. 12.08.

SECTION 25. 10.18 (4) (title), (a) and (c) to (h) and (5) of the statutes are renumbered 10.18 (5) (title), (a) and (b) to (g) and (6).

SECTION 26. 10.18 (4) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 27. 10.18 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

10.18 (4) MARCH. (a) *1st Tuesday in March*. The 1st Tuesday in March is the deadline for groups under s. 12.09 (5) to file expense statements of their efforts in the spring primary to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).

(b) *30 days after primary*. Within 30 days after the spring primary the treasurer of each political committee shall file with the county register of deeds a sworn statement of all moneys received and disbursed for 90 days before the spring primary through the date of filing. See s. 12.58 (3) (a).

(c) *Tuesday before election*. 1. On the Tuesday before the spring election, groups under s. 12.09 (5) shall file expense statements of their efforts in the spring election to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).

2. Candidate's and personal campaign committee's verified financial statements shall be filed on the Tuesday before the spring election. See s. 12.09 (4) (b).

SECTION 28. 10.20 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

10.20 (1) NOVEMBER. (a) *November 1*. November 1 is the earliest application may be made for absentee ballots for the spring primary. See s. 6.86.

SECTION 29. 10.20 (3) (b) and (c) and (4) (a) to (k) and (m) to (o) of the statutes are renumbered 10.20 (2) (b), (3) (b) to (k) and (4) (a) to (e), respectively, and 10.20 (3) (f), (k) (title) and 1 and (4) (c), as renumbered, are amended to read:

10.20 (3) (f) (title) *3rd Tuesday in February*. The ~~first~~ 3rd Tuesday in ~~March~~ February is the spring primary. See 5.02 (2).

(k) (title) *Last Tuesday in February*. 1. 5 p.m., on the 2nd last Tuesday in ~~March~~ February, is the deadline for filing petitions in towns requesting submission of question whether to require nomination papers and a nonpartisan primary in lieu of the caucus. See s. 8.05 (3) (e).

(4) (c) (title) *First Tuesday in March*. The ~~3rd~~ first Tuesday in March is the deadline for groups under s. 12.09 (5) to file expense statements of their efforts in the spring primary to help or hinder any measure or candidate. See s. 12.09 (5) (b).