

Proposals for Legislation for 2009 Session

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1. *Problem or issue:*

Currently the Commissioner of Political Practices and Secretary of State share the same deadline for certification of statewide and state district candidates, but the roles and responsibilities are different. Certifying candidates and the necessary error-checking occur on an unreasonable time-frame as a result.

2. *Legislation intends to do what?*

Adding 24 hours between the deadlines would allow CPP staff to check for errors and allow SOS time to review the certifications, prepare the necessary documents, and provide notice to county elections administrators. The certification and error-check process will produce better results if sufficient time is allowed.

3. *What section of MCA?*

13-37-126 , MCA

4. *Funding source?*

No additional funding required.

5. *Previously introduced? Model act?*

No. However, we can draft this simple proposal.