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Determining order of candidates on ballots
Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

The filing office determines by lot the order of candidates on the ballot for primary elections. The same order is used on all sample and absentee ballots.

On primary ballots, the order of candidates for federal, state, and county partisan offices for the offices of superintendent of public instruction and for judicial offices, is rotated. Each candidate's name appears in every possible position for the office. An equal number of ballots is printed with each candidate's order.

SUMMARY:

The order of candidates' names on all primary ballots are no longer rotated. The filing office determines the order of candidates' names by lot.

FISCAL NOTE: Requested 1/21/97.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.