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8       SYNOPSIS:               Under existing law, certificates of  
9                               nomination by a political party for the offices of  
10                              U.S. President and Vice President must be filed  
11                              with the Secretary of State 82 days before the  
12                              general election. For the November 3, 2020, general  
13                              election, certificates of nomination must be filed  
14                              by August 13, 2020. The Republican National  
15                              Committee is scheduled to hold its national  
16                              convention after the August 13, 2020, deadline.

17                              This bill would require state parties to  
18                              certify candidates 75 days before the November 3,  
19                              2020, general election and would revise other dates  
20                              in the election schedule to accommodate this  
21                              temporary change.

22                              This bill would provide for a one time  
23                              occurrence.

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25                                                           A BILL  
26                                                           TO BE ENTITLED  
27                                                           AN ACT

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2           Relating to general elections; to revise deadlines  
3 for candidates to qualify for the November 3, 2020, general  
4 election schedule to accommodate the dates of the 2020  
5 Republican National Convention; and to provide that this is a  
6 one time occurrence.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8           Section 1. (a) This section shall only apply to the  
9 November 3, 2020, general election.

10           (b) For purposes of subsection (b) of Section  
11 17-6-21, Code of Alabama 1975, a nomination for a candidate in  
12 the general election shall be finalized electronically by the  
13 respective state executive committees not later than 68 days,  
14 rather than 76 days, before the general election.

15           (c) For purposes of subsection (c) of Section  
16 17-6-21, Code of Alabama 1975, the notification deadline for  
17 persons who do not wish to accept nomination in the general  
18 election is 68 days, rather than 76 days, before the date of  
19 the election.

20           (d) For purposes of subsection (b) of Section 17-9-3  
21 and Section 17-13-22, Code of Alabama 1975, the Secretary of  
22 State shall certify electronically to the appropriate judges  
23 of probate the names of all candidates to be printed on the  
24 ballots in the counties, as applicable, for the general  
25 election not later than 66 days, rather than 74 days, before  
26 the general election.

1                   (e) For purposes of subsection (b) of Section  
2   17-14-31, Code of Alabama 1975, the certificates of nomination  
3   by a political party and nominating petitions must be filed in  
4   the office of the Secretary of State no later than the 75th  
5   day, rather than the 82nd day, preceding the day of the  
6   general election.

7                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8   immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9   Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.