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On page 2, after line 21, of the Senate Engrossed bill, insert: "

**Section 3. That § 12-6-4.1 be AMENDED:**

**12-6-4.1.** No petition or certificate of nomination covered by this chapter may be circulated prior to ~~the first day of January of~~ December first in the year immediately preceding the year in which the election will be held."

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**Section 4. That § 12-6-8 be AMENDED:**

**12-6-8.** ~~No person~~ An individual may not sign the nominating petition of a candidate ~~before January:~~

- (1) ~~Before December~~ first in the year immediately preceding the year in which the election is to be held, ~~nor for;~~
- (2) ~~For whom the person~~ individual is not entitled to vote, ~~nor for;~~
- (3) ~~For a political candidate of a party of which the person~~ individual is not a member, ~~nor for;~~ or
- (4) ~~For more than the number of candidates required to be nominated for the same office.~~

The ~~signer of petition~~ circulator or the individual who signs the petition shall add the signer's place of residence and the date of signing. The ~~signer's~~ individual's post office box number may be given in lieu of a street address if the signer lives within a municipality of the second or third class.

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A candidate shall sign a formal declaration of ~~the candidate shall be signed by the candidate~~ candidacy before the ~~circulation of petitions~~ petition may be circulated. The signed declaration of ~~the candidate shall~~ candidacy must accompany ~~and be a part of~~ the petition. An original signed declaration ~~shall~~ must accompany the ~~group of petitions~~ petition upon filing.

The petition ~~shall~~ must be verified under oath by ~~the persons circulating the petition~~ each petition circulator. The verification by the ~~person circulating the petition~~ circulator may not be notarized by the candidate whom the petition is nominating. Any ~~person circulating a~~ petition circulator who falsely attests to the verification is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

A nominating petition for any election ~~shall~~ must be a self-contained sheet of paper in order to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot. The provisions of this section may not prohibit ~~a~~ person an individual registered with party affiliation from signing either a petition nominating an independent or a nonpolitical candidate for office if the ~~person~~ individual has not previously signed a petition for that office to be filled."

On page 2, after line 30, of the Senate Engrossed bill, insert: "

**Section 6. That § 12-7-1 be AMENDED:**

**12-7-1.** Any candidate for nonjudicial public office, except as provided in § 12-7-7, who is not nominated by a primary election may be nominated by filing a certificate of nomination with the secretary of state or county auditor as prescribed by § 12-6-4, ~~after December thirty first and by the beginning November thirtieth but not later than five p.m. local time on the last Tuesday of April at 5:00 p.m. local time~~ before the election. A certificate of nomination ~~shall~~ must be executed as provided in chapter 12-6. ~~If the certificate of nomination is mailed by registered mail by the last Tuesday of April at 5:00 p.m. local time before the election, it is timely submitted.~~ The certificate of nomination ~~shall~~ must be signed by registered voters within the district or political subdivision in and for which the officers are to be elected. The number of signatures required may not be less than one percent of the total combined vote cast for Governor at the last certified gubernatorial election within the district or political subdivision. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, prescribing the forms for the certificate of nomination."

On page 2, after line 30, of the Senate Engrossed bill, insert: "

**Section 7. That § 12-7-1.1 be AMENDED:**

**12-7-1.1.** No petition or certificate of nomination covered by this chapter may be circulated prior to ~~the first day of January of~~ December first in the year immediately preceding the year in which the election will be held."

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**Section 8. That § 12-7-7 be AMENDED:**

**12-7-7.** Any candidate for President or ~~Vice President~~ vice president of the United States who is not nominated by a primary election may be nominated by filing ~~with the secretary of state, after December thirty first and by the first Tuesday in August at 5:00 p.m. central time before the election,~~ a certificate of nomination ~~which shall~~ with the secretary of state beginning November thirtieth but not later than five p.m. central time on the first Tuesday in August before the election. The certificate of nomination must be executed as provided in chapter 12-6. ~~If the certificate of nomination is mailed by registered mail by the first Tuesday in August at 5:00 p.m. central time before the election, it is timely submitted.~~ The number of signatures required may not be less than one percent of the total combined vote cast for Governor at the last certified gubernatorial election within the state.

An independent candidate for President shall file a declaration of candidacy and a certification of the candidate's selection for ~~Vice President~~ vice president with the secretary of state with the candidate's nominating petitions. The candidate and the candidate's selection for ~~Vice President~~ vice president shall sign the certification before the nominating petitions are submitted. If an independent candidate for ~~Vice President~~ vice president withdraws pursuant to § 12-6-55, ~~no the secretary of state may not print the name of the~~ independent candidate for President ~~shall have the candidate's name printed~~ upon a ballot unless a replacement selection for ~~Vice President~~ vice president is certified to the secretary ~~of state~~ by the second Tuesday in August.

The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, prescribing the forms for the certificate of nomination and the certification for ~~Vice President~~ vice president."