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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Passed by the Senate)	Latest Version (I_135_2495)
Deadline to certify candidates – 2024 presidential election	
No provision.	<p>For purposes of the 2024 general election, delays the deadline for a major political party to certify to the Secretary of State the names of its candidates for President and Vice-President.</p> <p>Requires a party to certify its candidates by the 74th day, instead of the 90th day, before the election.</p> <p>Allows a party to transmit the certification by any reasonably reliable method. <i>(Section 4 of the bill.)</i></p>
Deadline to certify candidates – future presidential elections	
No provision.	<p>For purposes of presidential elections held in 2028 and later, requires a major or minor political party that will not certify the names of its candidates for President and Vice-President to the Secretary of State by the 90th day before the general election to notify the Secretary of State of that fact in writing as soon as practicable, but not later than the deadline.</p>

Previous Version (As Passed by the Senate)	Latest Version (I_135_2495)
	<p>Requires the party then to certify its nominations to the Secretary in writing by the 74th day before the general election or by the third day after the close of its convention, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>Allows a party to transmit a notice or certification by any reasonably reliable method. (<i>R.C. 3505.10 and Section 3 of the bill.</i>)</p>
August special elections	
<p>Expands the circumstances under which a special election may be held in August.</p> <p>Allows the General Assembly to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot at an August special election, if authorized by a joint resolution.</p> <p>Allows a special election in August to hold a congressional special election or special primary election as contemplated under continuing law.</p> <p>Requires a special election to be held on August 8, 2023, for the sole purpose of submitting to the electors a constitutional amendment proposed by the General Assembly.</p> <p>Appropriates \$20 million to the Secretary of State in FY 2023 to pay the cost of conducting the August 2023 special election.</p> <p>States that the bill's provisions concerning the August 2023 special election take effect immediately. (<i>R.C. 3501.022 and Sections 3 to 7 of the bill.</i>)¹</p>	<p>No provision.</p>

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¹ A special election was held on August 8, 2023, pursuant to S.J.R. 2 of the 135th General Assembly. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that, although the statute generally prohibits August special elections, the General Assembly could place an issue on the ballot in August via a joint resolution, without separately passing a bill to authorize the election date. *State ex rel. One Person One Vote v. LaRose*, 2023-Ohio-1992 (2023).