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**Senators Ingram, DeMora**

**Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Craig, Hicks-Hudson, Smith, Sykes**

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**A BILL**

To delay the deadline for a major political party 1  
to certify its presidential and vice 2  
presidential candidates to the Secretary of 3  
State for the 2024 general election. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) Notwithstanding any provision of the 5  
Revised Code to the contrary, for purposes of the 2024 general 6  
election, a major political party shall certify to the Secretary 7  
of State in writing the names of its candidates for president 8  
and vice-president nominated by its national convention pursuant 9  
to section 3505.10 of the Revised Code not later than the 10  
effective date of this section. The political party may transmit 11  
the certification to the Secretary of State by any reasonably 12  
reliable method that, under the circumstances, will provide for 13  
the Secretary of State to receive it by the deadline, including 14  
by any of the following methods: 15

(1) Hand delivery; 16

(2) Certified, express, or ordinary mail delivery by the 17  
United States Postal Service; 18

(3) Commercial carrier service;	19
(4) Facsimile transmission;	20
(5) Electronic mail.	21
(B) For purposes of this section, "major political party"	22
has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the Revised Code.	23
<b>Section 2.</b> Section 1 of this act is intended to apply	24
retroactively to certifications of candidates required to be	25
made under section 3505.10 of the Revised Code and to the	26
certification of the forms of the official ballots under section	27
3505.01 of the Revised Code for purposes of the 2024 general	28
election. Section 1 of this act is remedial in nature because it	29
prevents a major political party's candidates for President and	30
Vice-President from being inadvertently excluded from the ballot	31
at the 2024 general election.	32