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Navajo Election Administration informs public of candidacy filing period

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Election Administration issued a statement on Wednesday, to inform the public that the candidate-filing period opens on May 17, 2018 and closes on May 30, 2018 for the upcoming primary and general elections for the positions of Navajo Nation president, vice president, council delegates, board of election supervisors, and the board of education.

This year's primary election is scheduled for Aug. 28, 2018, followed by the general election on Nov. 6, 2018, according to the NEA.

NEA director Edbert Little said the election office wants potential candidates to be aware of the filing timeframe due to changes that were made to the Navajo Election Code last year, which shortened the filing period from 90 days down to 14 days. The NEA will then have 14 days to review the candidacy applications submitted.

In Dec. 2015, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors passed a resolution recommending the changes to the filing period, which were then adopted by the Navajo Nation Council and signed into law in April 2017.

Resolution BOESD-030-15 passed by the Board of Election Supervisors states, "A shorter period permits a more efficient process for the review of applications and does not affect the right of voters to vote for their candidate of choice."

Little also said the new provisions add more efficiency and consistency for candidates. Under the previous provisions, the application review period varied based on when the application was filed. Under the new provisions, the review period will be 14 days for all positions.

The Navajo Election Administration also encourages members of the Navajo Nation to register to vote in the upcoming elections. For more information on candidate qualifications or to learn how to register to vote, please visit the Navajo Election Administration's website at <http://www.navajoelections.navajo-nsn.gov>.

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