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Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.

CANDIDATES MAY ANNOUNCE AFTER TIME FOR FILING FIRST STATEMENT HAS ELAPSED.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 16, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 15 instant has been received. I note your inquiry as follows:

"Where a candidate comes out, announces for office after the time has lapsed to file his first Statement, and enters the race, can he by filing his second Statement, enter the race and have his name placed on the ticket, for the Primary election? that is where there has no one qualified for the office, and there has been no expense."

As I understand your question, it is briefly stated like this: May one become a candidate in the primary after the time fixed in Section 19 of the Corrupt Practices Act for filing the first statement of campaign expenses which candidates are required to file.

My answer is as follows: By Section 26 of the Primary Election Law one may qualify as a candidate twenty days previous to the day of the primary election, and it is clear, under this statute, that one may become a candidate twenty days previous to the primary election

who was not prior to that time a candidate. In such a case I think it would not be necessary to file the first statement of campaign expenses for the very obvious reason that such person was not at the time when the statement was required to be filed a candidate, but became a candidate later and after the last day for filing such statement.

The Attorney General is not authorized to officially advise in a case of this kind and, therefore, what is stated in this letter cannot be regarded as an official expression from this office.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,
Attorney General.

REQUIREMENT AS TO FILING SWORN STATEMENTS UNDER CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT NOT WAIVABLE.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 18, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. has been received and noted.

This subject is covered by paragraphs 19 and 20 of Chapter 6470, 9cts of 1913, Laws of Florida, commonly called the Corrupt Practices Act. By reference to Section 19 you will see that the expense accounts required to be filed by candidates must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the first one *not more than* thirty days *nor less than* twenty-five days prior to the primary, etc. And by reference to Section 20 you will see that any candidate who fails to make and file either of these statements in the form and *at the time specified* shall not have the right to have his name placed on the ballot to be used in the primary election. And it is further provided that the name of no candidate failing to