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Overview

This bill shifts the date of the state primary election from the second Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June. Several changes to other election administration procedures are also included to conform to the new primary date.

Section

- 1 Combined polling places.** Requires a combined polling place to be formally established by March 1, rather than May 1 of any year, and requires a municipality wishing to withdraw from a combined polling place to do so by February 1, rather than April 1, reflecting the shift in the state primary from August to June.
- 2 Boundary changes.** Requires election precinct boundary changes to be adopted no later than April 1 of a general election year, rather than May 1, reflecting the shift in the state primary from August to June.
- 3 Election judges; appointment lists.** Requires each major political party to submit lists of eligible voters to act as election judges by March 1, rather than May 1, reflecting the shift in the state primary from August to June. The county auditor would be required to distribute the lists to the appropriate officials by March 15, rather than May 15.
- 4 State primary date.** Moves the date of the state primary from the second Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June.
- 5 Example ballots.** Requires the secretary of state to provide an example ballot to each county auditor by March 1, rather than May 1, of each year, reflecting the shift in the state primary from August to June.

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- 6 **Regular state primary.** Modifies a provision related to filling a vacant U.S. Senate seat, reflecting the shift in the date of the state primary election.
- 7 **Municipal primary.** Shifts the date of the municipal primary election to conform to the new date of the state primary election. A primary may be held on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June in the year of the municipal general election.
- 8 **Cities; use of primary election.** Modifies the deadline for a city to choose to conduct a primary to elect nominees for city offices, reflecting the shift in the date of the municipal primary.
- 9 **School districts; use of primary election.** Modifies the deadline for a school district to choose to conduct a primary to elect nominees for school board offices.
- 10 **School district primary.** Shifts the date of the school district primary election to conform to the new date of the state primary election. A primary may be held on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in the year of the school district primary.
- 11 **Filing period; school districts.** Modifies the filing period for candidates to fill a school district office, reflecting the shift in the date of the school district primary.
- 12 **Notice of special election.** Modifies certain notice requirement deadlines related to school district special elections, reflecting the shift in the date of the school district primary.
- 13 **Alternation of candidate names.** Specifies that the determination of the rotation of candidate names on a ballot must be based on the number of voters registered in a precinct as of March 1 of the year in which the rotation will be used, reflecting the various primary election date shifts in the bill.
- 14 **Plan for use of electronic voting equipment.** Modifies the timeline for a municipality to notify the secretary of state of changes to its plan for use of an electronic voting system. The deadline is moved from May 1 to March 1, reflecting the various primary election date shifts in the bill.
- 15 **Effective date.** Provides the provisions in the bill are effective for elections conducted on or after January 1, 2016.