

By Representative Geller

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to elections; changing the date  
3           of the second primary election in 1998;  
4           ensuring that dates tied to the date of the  
5           second primary remain unchanged, with specified  
6           exceptions; providing an effective date.

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8           WHEREAS, the second primary election in 1998 falls on  
9           September 29, 1998, and

10           WHEREAS, Yom Kippur, or the Jewish Day of Atonement,  
11           which is a day marked by fasting and continuous prayers of  
12           repentance, occurs on that day, and

13           WHEREAS, the conducting of the second primary election  
14           on September 29, 1998, would cause great hardship to voters of  
15           the Jewish faith, causing many to be unable to vote and  
16           prohibiting many from participating as election workers or  
17           participating in other election activities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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19   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21           Section 1. Notwithstanding section 100.091, Florida  
22           Statutes, or any other law to the contrary, the date of the  
23           second primary election in 1998 is changed from Tuesday,  
24           September 29, 1998, to Thursday, October 1, 1998. However,  
25           for purposes of the 1998 general election cycle, all dates in  
26           the Florida Election Code tied to the date of the second  
27           primary election remain set as if the second primary election  
28           were to be held on September 29, 1998, except that elections  
29           to be held in conjunction with the second primary election  
30           shall be held on October 1, 1998, and restrictions on changes  
31           in party affiliation between the first and second primary

1 elections shall remain in effect for the extended period  
2 resulting from the change in the date of the second primary  
3 election effected by this act.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
5 law.

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8 HOUSE SUMMARY

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10 Changes the date of the second primary election in 1998  
11 from Tuesday, September 29, 1998, to Thursday, October 1,  
12 1998, to eliminate a conflict with Yom Kippur, the Jewish  
13 Day of Atonement. Ensures that dates tied to the date of  
14 the second primary remain unchanged, except that  
15 elections scheduled to be held in conjunction with the  
16 second primary election shall be held on the rescheduled  
17 date and the prohibition against effecting changes in  
18 party affiliation between the first and second primary  
19 elections shall remain in effect for the extended period  
20 resulting from the change in the date of the second  
21 primary election.  
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