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An act relating to Volusia County; amending chapter 95-462, Laws of Florida, changing the uniform municipal election and qualification dates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Sections 2 and 3 of chapter 95-462, Laws of Florida, are amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of sections 2 and 3. See ss. 2 and 3 of ch. 95-462, Laws of Florida, for present text.)

Section 2. (1) Any election relating to a municipal office shall be held in each odd-numbered year as follows:

(a) The first election designated for a municipality shall be held 28 days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(b) The second election designated for a municipality shall be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(2) Municipalities which require annual elections for officers of their governing bodies may also hold their elections as follows:

(a) In each odd-numbered year, the first election designated for the municipality shall be held on a date that would be established by the Florida Election Code for the first primary if it were in an even-numbered year.

(b) In each odd-numbered year, the second election designated for a municipality shall be held 28 days prior to

1 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each
2 odd-numbered year.

3 (c) In even-numbered years, the first election
4 designated for a municipality shall be held on the date
5 established by the Florida Election Code for the first
6 primary.

7 (d) In even-numbered years, the second election
8 designated for the municipality shall be held on the date
9 established by the Florida Election Code for the second
10 primary.

11 (3) For purposes of this section, when a primary and
12 general election are provided for they shall be the first and
13 second elections, respectively. When a general and runoff
14 election are provided for they shall be the first and second
15 elections, respectively. Any other required or permitted
16 municipal election shall be scheduled in accordance with law.

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18 However, the Supervisor of Elections, after consultation with
19 the affected municipalities, may change any election date in
20 order to avoid a conflict with a religious holiday.

21 Section 3. (1) Candidates for an elected municipal
22 office in Volusia County to be elected under the schedule
23 provided in section 2(1), shall file such papers and pay such
24 fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal
25 clerk during normal business hours between 9 a.m. on the 71st
26 day and 12 noon on the 61st day prior to the first Tuesday
27 after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

28 (2) Candidates for an elected municipal office in
29 Volusia County to be elected under the schedule provided in
30 section 2(2)(a) and (b), shall file such papers and pay such
31 fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal

1 clerk during an 11-day period ending simultaneously with the
2 time period established by the Florida Election Code for
3 qualifying for the general election if it were an
4 even-numbered year.

5 (3) Candidates for an elected municipal office in
6 Volusia County to be elected under the schedule provided in
7 section 2(2)(c) and (d), shall file such papers and pay such
8 fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal
9 clerk during an 11-day period ending simultaneously with the
10 time period established by the Florida Election Code for
11 qualifying for the general election.

12 (4) The names of all candidates and the offices for
13 which they have filed shall be received by the Supervisor of
14 Elections from the municipal clerks by 5 p.m. on the next
15 business day after the close of qualifying.

16 Section 2. Except to the extent hereby amended, the
17 provisions of chapter 95-462, Laws of Florida, are hereby
18 ratified, confirmed, and continued in full force and effect.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20 law.

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