### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 79A Elections

SPONSOR(S): Harrington

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)			Mitchell	Randle
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#### **SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 79A changes Florida's current election schedule so that there will be seven weeks between the first and second primary, and eight weeks between the second primary and the general election. It amends qualifying provisions in chapters 99 and 105, election dates for the first and second primary in chapter 100, and relevant reporting provisions in chapter 106, of the Florida Election Code, to create the following proposed schedule:

November 2, 2004 General Election

September 7, 2004 Second Primary

July 20, 2004 First Primary

May 17-21, 2004 Qualifying for state/county candidates

March 22-26, 2004 Qualifying for federal candidates

The changes above were previously adopted in HB 1859 (PCB PC-03-09) during the 2003 regular session by the Subcommittee on Ethics & Elections and the Committee on Procedures.

HB 79A takes effect October 1, 2003.

### **FULL ANALYSIS**

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

### A. DOES THE BILL:

1.	Reduce government?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
2.	Lower taxes?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
3.	Expand individual freedom?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
4.	Increase personal responsibility?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]
5.	Empower families?	Yes[]	No[]	N/A[x]

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

- B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:
- C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

## I. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:
  - 1. Revenues:
  - 2. Expenditures:
- **B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:** 
  - 1. Revenues:
  - 2. Expenditures:
- C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:
- D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

# III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
  - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

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- 2. Other:
- B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:
- C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:
  - IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

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