1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to Broward County; amending chapter 75-

3   350, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 76-336 and

4   77-507, Laws of Florida; revising provisions relating to

5   the governing of municipal elections in Broward County;

6   specifying the dates on which municipal candidates shall

7   file qualification papers and pay certain fees with

8   respect to certain elections; revising provisions relating

9   to the dates on which municipal primary and general

10   elections shall be held; authorizing municipalities to

11   extend or reduce terms of office for certain purposes;

12   authorizing the governing body of each municipality to

13   change the date of its municipal elections by ordinance,

14   subject to approval by referendum; requiring the

15   supervisor of elections to provide to each municipality a

16   schedule of fees and charges for all municipal election

17   services for the following calendar year by a time

18   certain; providing an effective date.

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

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22   Section 1. Chapter 75-350, Laws of Florida, as amended by

23   chapters 76-336 and 77-507, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

24   Section 1. It is the intent of this act to provide for

25   uniform filing and election dates for all municipal elections in

26   Broward County. It is not the intent of this act to determine

27   the length of terms of municipal offices.

28   Section 2. <u>For any municipal elections held in Broward</u>

29   <u>County in March of a calendar year,</u> candidates for ~~any municipal~~

30 office in such elections ~~Broward County~~ shall file such papers

31 and pay such fees as may be required by law with the applicable

32 municipal ~~city~~ clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day

33 in January nor later than noon on the 14th day following the

34 first work day in January of the calendar year in which the

35 election is to be held. <u>For any municipal elections held in</u>

36 <u>Broward County in November of a calendar year, candidates for</u>

37 <u>office in such elections shall file such papers and pay such</u>

38 <u>fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal</u>

39 <u>clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day in September</u>

40 <u>nor later than noon on the 14th day following the first work day</u>

41 <u>in September of the calendar year in which the election is to be</u>

42 <u>held.</u>

43   Section 3. Any primary election relating to a municipal

44 office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on

45 the <u>second</u> ~~2nd~~ Tuesday <u>in</u> ~~of~~ February <u>of a calendar year or the</u>

46 <u>first Tuesday of October of any even-numbered calendar year</u> and

47 all general elections relating to a municipal office held in a

48 municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second

49 Tuesday in March of <u>a</u> ~~the~~ calendar year <u>or the first Tuesday in</u>

50 <u>November of any even numbered calendar year</u>.

51   Section 4. Any municipality whose charter or ordinances

52 provided for a primary election to determine a slate of

53 candidates for a municipal office and which charter or ordinance

54 provision was in effect prior to the effective date of Chapter

55 75-350, Laws of Florida, may, upon adopting or reenacting an

56 ordinance authorizing primary elections approved by a majority

57 vote of those qualified electors of the municipality voting in a

58 referendum election, conduct such a primary election to

59 determine a slate of candidates for election to municipal

60 office.

61   Section 5. In any primary election held in any race for

62 municipal offices in Broward County the manner and method by

63 which a slate of candidates is to be determined shall be as

64 provided by the Charter or Code of Ordinances of the

65 municipality conducting the primary election as provided herein.

66 In any general election in races for municipal offices in

67 Broward County, the candidate or candidates, depending upon the

68 number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes in

69 the election shall be the winner. Such duly elected municipal

70 officers shall take office within fourteen (14) days after the

71 general election with the specific day to be decided by local

72 ordinance.

73   Section 6. In order to implement any change in the month

74 in which elections will be held, Broward County municipalities

75 may either extend or reduce terms of office of existing elected

76 officials for a period of up to eight (8) months. Initially any

77 municipal officer whose term of office expires subsequent to

78 July 1 in any calendar year shall stand for re-election in March

79 of the following calendar year and shall continue in office

80 until the election of his successor. Initially any municipal

81 officer whose term of office expires prior to and including July

82 1 in any calendar year shall stand for re-election in March of

83 that calendar year.

84   Section 7. The governing body of each municipality in

85 Broward County may, at its discretion, amend its Charter to

86 change the date of its municipal elections in accordance with

87 this act by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum;

88 provided, however, that any change in election date will not be

89 effective until at least eighteen (18) months after the approval

90 of the ordinance by the municipality's governing body. ~~The~~

91 ~~provisions of section 6 shall apply only to the first election~~

92 ~~for each office to be held under the provisions of the act.~~

93 ~~Thereafter, the terms of all municipal offices shall correspond~~

94 ~~to the dates provided pursuant to this act.~~

95   Section 8. All municipal elections shall be canvassed by

96 the county canvassing board with said board certifying the

97 results to each city clerk within five (5) days after the

98 election.

99   Section 9. The Broward Supervisor of Elections shall

100 provide to each Broward County municipality by the first work

101 day in April of the calendar year a schedule of fees and charges

102 for municipal election services for the following calendar year.

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