

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends
2 the following:

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4 **Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to Broward County; amending chapter 75-
8 350, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 76-336, 77-
9 507, and 81-349, Laws of Florida; revising provisions
10 relating to the governing of municipal elections in
11 Broward County; specifying the dates on which municipal
12 candidates shall file qualification papers and pay certain
13 fees with respect to certain elections; revising
14 provisions relating to the dates on which municipal
15 primary and general elections shall be held; authorizing
16 municipalities to extend or reduce terms of office for
17 certain purposes; authorizing the governing body of each
18 municipality to change the date of its municipal elections
19 by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum; requiring
20 the supervisor of elections to provide to each
21 municipality a schedule of fees and charges for all
22 municipal election services for the following calendar
23 year by a time certain; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Chapter 75-350, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapters 76-336, 77-507, and 81-349, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. It is the intent of this act to provide for uniform filing and election dates for all municipal elections in Broward County. It is not the intent of this act to determine the length of terms of municipal offices.

Section 2. For any municipal elections held in Broward County in March of a calendar year, candidates for any municipal office in such elections ~~Broward County~~ shall file such papers and pay such fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal ~~city~~ clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day in January nor later than noon on the 14th day following the first work day in January of the calendar year in which the election is to be held. For any municipal elections held in Broward County in November of a calendar year, candidates for office in such elections shall file such papers and pay such fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day in September nor later than noon on the 14th day following the first work day in September of the calendar year in which the election is to be held.

Section 3. Any primary election relating to a municipal office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second ~~2nd~~ Tuesday in ~~of~~ February of a calendar year or the

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52 first Tuesday of October of any even-numbered calendar year and
 53 all general elections relating to a municipal office held in a
 54 municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second
 55 Tuesday in March of a ~~the~~ calendar year or the first Tuesday in
 56 November of any even numbered calendar year.

57 Section 4. In any primary election held in any race for
 58 municipal offices in Broward County the manner and method by
 59 which a slate of candidates is to be determined shall be as
 60 provided by the Charter or Code of Ordinances of the
 61 municipality conducting the primary election as provided herein.
 62 In any general election in races for municipal offices in
 63 Broward County, the candidate or candidates, depending upon the
 64 number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes in
 65 the election shall be the winner. Such duly elected municipal
 66 officers shall take office within fourteen (14) days after the
 67 general election with the specific day to be decided by local
 68 ordinance.

69 Section 5. In order to implement any change in the month
 70 in which elections will be held, Broward County municipalities
 71 may either extend or reduce terms of office of existing elected
 72 officials for a period of up to eight (8) months. ~~Initially any~~
 73 ~~municipal officer whose term of office expires subsequent to~~
 74 ~~July 1 in any calendar year shall stand for re-election in March~~
 75 ~~of the following calendar year and shall continue in office~~
 76 ~~until the election of his successor. Initially any municipal~~
 77 ~~officer whose term of office expires prior to and including July~~
 78 ~~1 in any calendar year shall stand for re-election in March of~~
 79 ~~that calendar year.~~

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80 Section 6. The governing body of each municipality in
 81 Broward County may, at its discretion, amend its Charter to
 82 change the date of its municipal elections in accordance with
 83 this act by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum;
 84 provided, however, that any change in election date will not be
 85 effective until at least eighteen (18) months after the approval
 86 of the ordinance by the municipality's governing body. The
 87 ~~provisions of section 6 shall apply only to the first election~~
 88 ~~for each office to be held under the provisions of the act.~~
 89 ~~Thereafter, the terms of all municipal offices shall correspond~~
 90 ~~to the dates provided pursuant to this act.~~

91 Section 7. All municipal elections shall be canvassed by
 92 the county canvassing board with said board certifying the
 93 results to each city clerk within five (5) days after the
 94 election.

95 Section 8. The Broward Supervisor of Elections shall
 96 provide to each Broward County municipality by the first work
 97 day in April of the calendar year a schedule of fees and charges
 98 for municipal election services for the following calendar year.

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