

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, 77-
4 507, and 81-349, Laws of Florida; revising provisions
5 relating to the governing of municipal elections in
6 Broward County; specifying the dates on which municipal
7 candidates shall file qualification papers and pay certain
8 fees with respect to certain elections; revising
9 provisions relating to the dates on which municipal
10 primary and general elections shall be held; authorizing
11 municipalities to extend or reduce terms of office for
12 certain purposes; authorizing the governing body of each
13 municipality to change the date of its municipal elections
14 by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum; requiring
15 the supervisor of elections to provide to each
16 municipality a schedule of fees and charges for all
17 municipal election services for the following calendar
18 year by a time 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, 77-507, and 81-349, Laws of Florida, is amended
24 to read:

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

29 Section 2. For any municipal elections held in Broward
 30 County in March of a calendar year, candidates for any municipal
 31 office in such elections ~~Broward County~~ shall file such papers
 32 and pay such fees as may be required by law with the applicable
 33 municipal city clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day
 34 in January nor later than noon on the 14th day following the
 35 first work day in January of the calendar year in which the
 36 election is to be held. For any municipal elections held in
 37 Broward County in November of a calendar year, candidates for
 38 office in such elections shall file such papers and pay such
 39 fees as may be required by law with the applicable municipal
 40 clerk no earlier than noon on the first work day in September
 41 nor later than noon on the 14th day following the first work day
 42 in September of the calendar year in which the election is to be
 43 held.

44 Section 3. Any primary election relating to a municipal
 45 office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on
 46 the second ~~2nd~~ Tuesday in ~~of~~ February of a calendar year or the
 47 first Tuesday of October of any even-numbered calendar year and
 48 all general elections relating to a municipal office held in a
 49 municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second
 50 Tuesday in March of a ~~the~~ calendar year or the first Tuesday in
 51 November of any even numbered calendar year.

52 Section 4. In any primary election held in any race for
 53 municipal offices in Broward County the manner and method by
 54 which a slate of candidates is to be determined shall be as
 55 provided by the Charter or Code of Ordinances of the
 56 municipality conducting the primary election as provided herein.

57 In any general election in races for municipal offices in
58 Broward County, the candidate or candidates, depending upon the
59 number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes in
60 the election shall be the winner. Such duly elected municipal
61 officers shall take office within fourteen (14) days after the
62 general election with the specific day to be decided by local
63 ordinance.

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

75 Section 6. The governing body of each municipality in
76 Broward County may, at its discretion, amend its Charter to
77 change the date of its municipal elections in accordance with
78 this act by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum;
79 provided, however, that any change in election date will not be
80 effective until at least eighteen (18) months after the approval
81 of the ordinance by the municipality's governing body. ~~The~~
82 ~~provisions of section 6 shall apply only to the first election~~
83 ~~for each office to be held under the provisions of the act.~~

84 ~~Thereafter, the terms of all municipal offices shall correspond~~
85 ~~to the dates provided pursuant to this act.~~

86 Section 7. All municipal elections shall be canvassed by
87 the county canvassing board with said board certifying the
88 results to each city clerk within five (5) days after the
89 election.

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

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