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See CS/HB 1401

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

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

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

29           Section 1. It is the intent of this act to provide for  
30 uniform filing and election dates for all municipal elections

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1 in Broward County. It is not the intent of this act to  
2 determine the length of terms of municipal offices.

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

18           Section 3. Any primary election relating to a  
19 municipal office held in a municipality in Broward County  
20 shall be held on the second ~~2nd~~ Tuesday in ~~of~~ February of a  
21 calendar year or the first Tuesday of October of any  
22 even-numbered calendar year and all general elections relating  
23 to a municipal office held in a municipality in Broward County  
24 shall be held on the second Tuesday in March of a ~~the~~ calendar  
25 year or the first Tuesday in November of any even numbered  
26 calendar year.

27           Section 4. In any primary election held in any race  
28 for municipal offices in Broward County the manner and method  
29 by which a slate of candidates is to be determined shall be as  
30 provided by the Charter or Code of Ordinances of the  
31 municipality conducting the primary election as provided

1 herein. In any general election in races for municipal offices  
2 in Broward County, the candidate or candidates, depending upon  
3 the number to be elected, receiving the highest number of  
4 votes in the election shall be the winner. Such duly elected  
5 municipal officers shall take office within fourteen (14) days  
6 after the general election with the specific day to be decided  
7 by local ordinance.

8       Section 5. In order to implement any change in the  
9 month in which elections will be held, Broward County  
10 municipalities may either extend or reduce terms of office of  
11 existing elected officials for a period of up to eight (8)  
12 months.~~Initially any municipal officer whose term of office~~  
13 ~~expires subsequent to July 1 in any calendar year shall stand~~  
14 ~~for re-election in March of the following calendar year and~~  
15 ~~shall continue in office until the election of his~~  
16 ~~successor. Initially any municipal officer whose term of~~  
17 ~~office expires prior to and including July 1 in any calendar~~  
18 ~~year shall stand for re-election in March of that calendar~~  
19 ~~year.~~

20       Section 6. The governing body of each municipality in  
21 Broward County may, at its discretion, amend its Charter to  
22 change the date of its municipal elections in accordance with  
23 this act by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum;  
24 provided, however, that any change in election date will not  
25 be effective until at least eighteen (18) months after the  
26 approval of the ordinance by the municipality's governing  
27 body.~~The provisions of section 6 shall apply only to the~~  
28 ~~first election for each office to be held under the provisions~~  
29 ~~of the act. Thereafter, the terms of all municipal offices~~  
30 ~~shall correspond to the dates provided pursuant to this act.~~

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1           Section 7. All municipal elections shall be canvassed  
2 by the county canvassing board with said board certifying the  
3 results to each city clerk within five (5) days after the  
4 election.

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

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

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