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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to Broward County; amending chapter 75-  
3       350, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising provisions  
4       relating to the governing of municipal elections in the  
5       county; revising the dates on which municipal candidates  
6       must file qualification papers and pay certain fees with  
7       respect to certain elections; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Chapter 75-350, Laws of Florida, as amended by  
12   chapters 76-336, 77-507, 81-349, 2004-443, and 2005-318, Laws of  
13   Florida, is amended to read:

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

18           Section 2. For any municipal elections held in Broward  
19   County in March of a calendar year, candidates for office in  
20   such elections shall file such papers and pay such fees as may  
21   be required by law with the applicable municipal clerk no  
22   earlier than noon on the first work day in January nor later  
23   than noon on the 7th day following the first work day in January  
24   of the calendar year in which the election is to be held. For  
25   any municipal elections held in Broward County in November of a  
26   calendar year, candidates for office in such elections shall  
27   file such papers and pay such fees as may be required by law  
28   with the applicable municipal clerk pursuant to the same

29 timeframes as candidates who qualify for county offices as  
 30 provided in section 99.061(2), Florida Statutes, as may be  
 31 amended from time to time ~~no earlier than noon on the first work~~  
 32 ~~day in September nor later than noon on the 7th day following~~  
 33 ~~the first work day in September of the calendar year in which~~  
 34 ~~the election is to be held.~~

35 Section 3. Any primary election relating to a municipal  
 36 office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on  
 37 the second Tuesday in February of a calendar year, and all  
 38 general elections relating to a municipal office held in a  
 39 municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second  
 40 Tuesday in March of a calendar year or the first Tuesday after  
 41 the first Monday in November of any even-numbered calendar year.  
 42 Municipalities that have general elections in November of even-  
 43 numbered calendar years shall not have primaries for such  
 44 elections.

45 Section 4. In any primary election held in any race for  
 46 municipal offices in Broward County, the manner and method by  
 47 which a slate of candidates is to be determined shall be as  
 48 provided by the Charter or Code of Ordinances of the  
 49 municipality conducting the primary election as provided herein.  
 50 In any general election in races for municipal offices in  
 51 Broward County, the candidate or candidates, depending upon the  
 52 number to be elected, receiving the highest number of votes in  
 53 the election shall be the winners ~~winner~~. Such duly elected  
 54 municipal officers shall take office within 14 ~~fourteen (14)~~  
 55 days after the general election, with the specific day to be  
 56 decided by local ordinance.

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57 Section 5. In order to implement any change in the month  
58 in which elections will be held, Broward County municipalities  
59 may either extend or reduce terms of office of existing elected  
60 officials for a period of up to 8 ~~eight (8)~~ months.

61 Section 6. The governing body of each municipality in  
62 Broward County may, at its discretion, amend its Charter to  
63 change the date of its municipal elections in accordance with  
64 this act by ordinance, subject to approval by referendum;  
65 ~~provided, however, that~~ any change in election date will not be  
66 effective until at least 18 ~~eighteen (18)~~ months after the  
67 approval of the ordinance by the municipality's governing body.

68 Section 7. All municipal elections shall be canvassed by  
69 the county canvassing board with said board certifying the  
70 results to each city clerk within 5 ~~five (5)~~ days after the  
71 election.

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

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