1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to Broward County; amending chapter

3   75-350, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising

4   provisions relating to the governing of municipal

5   elections in the county; revising the dates on which

6   municipal candidates must file qualification papers

7   and pay certain fees with respect to certain

8   elections; providing an effective date.

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

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

13   chapters 2004-443 and 2005-318, Laws of Florida, is amended to

14   read:

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

16   uniform filing and election dates for all municipal elections in

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

18   the length of terms of municipal offices.

19   Section 2. For any municipal elections held in Broward

20   County in March of a calendar year, candidates for office in

21   such elections shall file such papers and pay such fees as may

22   be required by law with the applicable municipal clerk no

23   earlier than noon on the first work day in January nor later

24   than noon on the 7th day following the first work day in January

25   of the calendar year in which the election is to be held. For

26   any municipal elections held in Broward County in November of a

27   calendar year, candidates for office in such elections shall

28   file such papers and pay such fees as may be required by law

29 with the applicable municipal clerk pursuant to the same

30 timeframes as candidates who qualify for county offices as

31 provided in section 99.061(2), Florida Statutes no earlier than

32 noon on the first work day in September nor later than noon on

33 the 7th day following the first work day in September of the

34 calendar year in which 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.

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.