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HB 1153                                                    2012 Legislature

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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

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29 with the applicable municipal clerk <u>pursuant to the same</u>

30 <u>timeframes as candidates who qualify for county offices as</u>

31 <u>provided in section 99.061(2), Florida Statutes</u> ~~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<u>,</u> 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 <u>winners</u> ~~winner~~. Such duly elected

54 municipal officers shall take office within <u>14</u> ~~fourteen (14)~~

55 days after the general election<u>,</u> 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<u>,</u> 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.