
HOUSE BILL 2405

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1 AN ACT Relating to election dates for a first class city that
2 changes its form of government; and amending RCW 29.13.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.13.020 and 1994 c 142 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held
7 throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the
8 first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

9 This section shall not apply to:

10 (a) Elections for the recall of any elective public officer;

11 (b) Public utility districts or district elections at which the
12 ownership of property within those districts is a prerequisite to
13 voting, all of which elections shall be held at the times prescribed in
14 the laws specifically applicable thereto;

15 (c) Consolidation proposals as provided for in RCW 28A.315.280 and
16 nonhigh capital fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.540
17 RCW.

18 (2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon
19 request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city,

1 town, or district, presented to the auditor at least forty-five days
2 prior to the proposed election date, may, if the county auditor deems
3 an emergency to exist, call a special election in such city, town, or
4 district, and for the purpose of such special election he or she may
5 combine, unite, or divide precincts. Except as provided in subsection
6 (~~((+3))~~) (4) of this section, such a special election shall be held on
7 one of the following dates as decided by the governing body:

8 (a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;

9 (b) The second Tuesday in March;

10 (c) The fourth Tuesday in April;

11 (d) The third Tuesday in May;

12 (e) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW 29.13.070;

13 or

14 (f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

15 (3) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon
16 request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a first
17 class city, presented to the auditor at least forty-five days prior to
18 the proposed election date, may call a special election on one of the
19 dates described in subsection (2) of this section as decided by the
20 governing body in such city, for the purpose of electing new municipal
21 officers as a result of an election to change its form of government.

22 (4) In a presidential election year, if a presidential preference
23 primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under chapter
24 29.19 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called under
25 subsection (2) of this section during the month of that primary is the
26 date of the presidential primary.

27 (~~((+4))~~) (5) In addition to subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this
28 section, a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue
29 may be called at any time to meet the needs resulting from fire, flood,
30 earthquake, or other act of God, except that no special election may be
31 held between the first day for candidates to file for public office and
32 the last day to certify the returns of the general election other than
33 as provided in subsection (2)(e) and (f) of this section. Such special
34 election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner
35 provided by law.

36 (~~((+5))~~) (6) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and
37 all other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having
38 different dates for such city, town, and district elections, the

1 purpose of this section being to establish mandatory dates for holding
2 elections.

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