
HOUSE BILL 1935

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1 AN ACT Relating to special elections; and amending RCW 29.13.020.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.13.020 and 2002 c 43 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

8 This section shall not apply to:

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

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

14 (c) (~~Consolidation proposals~~) School district elections as
15 provided for in RCW (~~28A.315.280~~) 28A.315.265 and nonhigh capital
16 fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.540 RCW.

17 (2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon
18 request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city,
19 town, or district, presented to the auditor at least forty-five days

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

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

8 (b) The second Tuesday in March;

9 (c) The fourth Tuesday in April;

10 (d) The third Tuesday in May;

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

12 or

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

14 (3) In a presidential election year, if a presidential preference
15 primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under chapter
16 29.19 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called under
17 subsection (2) of this section during the month of that primary is the
18 date of the presidential primary.

19 (4) In addition to subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this section,
20 a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue may be
21 called at any time to meet the needs resulting from fire, flood,
22 earthquake, or other act of God, except that no special election may be
23 held between the first day for candidates to file for public office and
24 the last day to certify the returns of the general election other than
25 as provided in subsection (2)(e) and (f) of this section. Such special
26 election shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner
27 provided by law.

28 (5) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all
29 other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different
30 dates for such city, town, and district elections, the purpose of this
31 section being to establish mandatory dates for holding elections.

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