
**State Government Operations &
Accountability Committee**

HB 1456

Brief Description: Changing the primary to the first Tuesday in September.

Sponsors: Representative Haigh.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Moves the date of the primary to the first Tuesday in September.
- Changes other elections-related dates to accommodate the new date of the primary.

Hearing Date: 2/8/05

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The primary election is held at the earlier of: (1) The third Tuesday in September prior to a general election; or (2) the seventh Tuesday prior to a general election.

A convention to nominate a candidate of a minor political party for a partisan office is held during the eight day period from the last Saturday in June through the first Saturday in July, or during any seven days immediately preceding the first day declarations of candidacy may be filed during the regular filing period.

Declarations of candidacy for elective office are made with the filing officer during a regular five-day filing period beginning on the fourth Monday in July and the following Friday.

Summary of Bill:

The date of the primary is moved to the first Tuesday in September prior to a general election.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.