

**State Government Committee**

**HB 1919**

**Brief Description:** Clarifying the timing of special elections.

**Sponsors:** Representative S. Hunt.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes the deadline for a city, town, or district to call for a special election from 45 to 60 days before the designated February or April election dates.</li> </ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/12/15

**Staff:** Sean Flynn (786-7124).

**Background:**

Every general election is held throughout the state on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. A city, town or district, or combination such jurisdictions, may hold a special election on one of several specified dates. The governing body of a city, town, or district must call for a special election by presenting a resolution to the county auditor by a specified time before the chosen election date.

The designated special election dates and corresponding resolution deadline are as follows:

Special Election Date	Resolution Deadline
The second Tuesday in February	45 days before the election date
The fourth Tuesday in April	45 days before the election date
The day of the primary election	No later than the Friday immediately preceding the first day for regular candidate filing for the primary
The day of the general election	No later than the date of the primary

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**Summary of Bill:**

The deadline for presenting a resolution to the county auditor calling for a special election is 60 days for an election on the second Tuesday in February or the fourth Tuesday in April.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested.

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