

AN ACT

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections to accept absentee ballots postmarked or otherwise proven to have been sent on or before the day of the election and received by the Board of Elections no later than the 7th day after the election, to move the primary election date in presidential election years to the first Tuesday in June, and to require the Board of Elections, at each early voting center, to allow persons to vote in person for not more than 12 days before election day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Primary Date Alteration Emergency Amendment Act of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 5 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a)(10A) is amended by striking the phrase “received by the Board by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election” and inserting the phrase “postmarked or otherwise proven to have been sent on or before the day of the election, and received by the Board no later than the 7th day after the election” in its place.

(2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “3rd Tuesday” and inserting the phrase “1st Tuesday” in its place.

(b) Section 9(b-1)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(2)) is amended by striking the number “10” and inserting the number “12” in its place.

(c) Section 10(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(a)) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “3rd Tuesday” and inserting the phrase “1st Tuesday” in its place.

(2) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

(A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year” and inserting the phrase “1st Tuesday in June in a presidential

election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election year” in its place.

(B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase “3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year” and inserting the phrase “1st Tuesday in June in a presidential election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election year” in its place.

**Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

**Sec. 4. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia