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5   IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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10   To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to allow the
11   Board of Elections to receive absentee ballots mailed on or before Election Day up to
12   seven days after the election, to move the primary election date in presidential election
13   years to the first Tuesday in June, and to allow the Board of Elections to conduct early
14   voting two days earlier than currently provided.
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16   BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

17   act may be cited as the "Primary Date Alteration Temporary Amendment Act of 2019".

18   Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69

19   Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

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

21   (1) Subsection (a)(10A) is amended by striking the phrase "received by the Board

22   by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election" and inserting the phrase "postmarked or otherwise

23   proven to have been sent on or before the day of the election, and received by the Board no later

24   than the 7th day after the election" in its place.

25   (2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday" and

26   inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday" in its place.

27   (b) Section 9(b-1)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(2)) is amended by striking the

28   number "10" and inserting the number "12" in its place.

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

30   (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday" and inserting

31 the phrase "1st Tuesday" in its place.

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

33   (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday in

34 June of each even-numbered year" and inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday in June in a presidential

35 election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election

36 year" in its place.

37   (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday in

38 June of each even-numbered year" and inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday in June in a presidential

39 election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election

40 year" in its place.

41 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

42 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact

43 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved

44 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

45 Sec. 4. Effective date.

46 (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by

47 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review

48 as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

49   24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of

50   Columbia Register.

51   (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.