

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1823 requires general municipal elections, including those held by any county, school district, technology center school district, municipality, fire protection district or other political subdivision to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year. Previously, these elections were held in April. The measure also moves primary elections for any political subdivision that can call elections to be held on the second Tuesday of June in each odd-numbered year, moved from February. For individuals wanting to file a declaration of candidacy, they must do that between the first Monday in April and the next succeeding Wednesday in odd-numbered years. On the corresponding days, a General Election or Primary Election may be held as determined by the Legislature. The measure also updates dates as they relate to terms of office for board of education members.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1823 proposes several changes to when specific elections would be held throughout an election cycle, as well as updating notice requirements for individuals wanting to file a declaration of candidacy. Per the State Election Board (SEB), these changes would have some software programming costs to implementing, totaling less than \$5,000.

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Other Considerations

The State Election Board also notes that this measure has the potential to cut the costs of common school district and technology school district elections in half due to the change from holding elections ever year to holding elections every two years. These costs vary greatly depending on the particular school district and the number of seats on the ballot, so the SEB is unable to provide an estimate for cost savings of this measure.