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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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18 Councilmember Mary M. Cheh introduced the following bill, which was referred to the
19 Committee on _____.
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21 To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require a run-off election when no
22 candidate receives more than forty-five percent of the vote in an election; to provide that
23 a qualified voter shall have the right to change his or her party affiliation on election day;
24 to alter the date of District of Columbia primary elections for members of the Council,
25 Chairman of the Council, Mayor, and Attorney General.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
28 act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics Primary Date
29 Alteration Act of 2014."

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

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

33 A new subsection (l) is added to read as follows:

34 "(l) The Board shall hold a run-off election between the top two candidates when
35 neither of those candidates have received more than forty-five percent of the vote; provided that
36 this shall not apply to candidates for President and Vice President of the United States or
37 Delegate to the House of Representatives."

1 (b) Section 7(g) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.7(g)) is amended as follows:

2 (1) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase “A qualified elector shall not
3 change his or her party affiliation after the 30th day preceding an election.” in its entirety.

4 (2) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the phrase “A qualified elector shall not
5 change his or her party affiliation on election day.” in its entirety.

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

7 (1) Subparagraph (3)(B) is amended by striking the phrase “shall, on the 1st
8 Tuesday in April” and inserting the phrase “shall be held on the 1st Tuesday after the 2nd
9 Monday in September” in its place.

10 (2) Subparagraph (3)(C) is amended by striking the phrase “shall, on the 1st
11 Tuesday in April” and inserting the phrase “shall be held on the 1st Tuesday after the 2nd
12 Monday in September” in its place.

13 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

14 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
15 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
16 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(3)).

17 Sec. 4. Effective date

18 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
19 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
20 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
21 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
22 Columbia Register.