

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend 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; and to amend the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act of 2012 to require the Board of Elections to accept military overseas 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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Primary Date Alteration 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) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (6) is amended by striking the phrase "election, provided, however," and inserting the phrase "election; provided, that" in its place.

(B) Paragraph (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.

(C) Paragraph (14) is amended by striking the phrase "to: Determine" and inserting the phrase "to determine" in its place.

(2) Subsection (a-1)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "48 hours" and inserting the phrase "48 hours" in its place.

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

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(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. Section 110 of the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act of 2012, effective June 5, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-137; D.C. Official Code § 1-1061.10), is amended by striking the phrase “received by the Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. on the date 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 of Elections no later than the 7th day after the election” in its place.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report 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. 5. 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), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia