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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1254
Ways and Means

(Delegate Hixson, *et al.*)

Election Law - Primary Elections - Election Dates

This bill moves the date of the gubernatorial primary election from the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September to the first Tuesday in June.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's change could cause certain State election expenditures to be incurred in FY 2010, instead of in FY 2011, for the 2010 gubernatorial primary election but the change would not affect the overall costs associated with the primary elections.

Local Effect: Local government expenditures could similarly shift to FY 2010, but would not be affected overall.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The gubernatorial primary election is held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September and the general election is held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

Background: Appendix 1 shows the dates of state primary elections held in 2006.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Garrett County, State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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Appendix 1 2006 Primary Election Dates

<u>Primary Date</u>	<u>State</u>
March 7	Texas
March 21	Illinois
May 2	Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio
May 9	Nebraska, West Virginia
May 16	Kentucky, Oregon, Pennsylvania
May 23	Arkansas, Idaho
June 6	Alabama, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota
June 13	Maine, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia
June 27	Utah
July 18	Georgia
July 25	Oklahoma
August 1	Kansas
August 3	Tennessee
August 8	Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri
August 15	Nevada
August 22	Alaska, Wyoming
September 5	Florida
September 12	Arizona, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland , Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin
September 19	Washington, Massachusetts
September 23	Hawaii
September 30	Louisiana (open statewide and municipal primaries)
November 7	Louisiana (open congressional primary)

Source: National Association of Secretaries of State
