

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The floor substitute for HB 1823 authorizes a general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every odd-numbered year and every two years thereafter. The measure also authorizes a primary election to take place on the second Tuesday of June of every odd-numbered year and every two years thereafter. These dates will also be when general and primary elections of members of the board of education of every school district and technology school district will be conducted. Candidates for these offices must file on the first Monday in April through the following Wednesday, in off-numbered years. The measure specifies that any political subdivision authorized to call elections can call them on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in an odd-numbered year and the second Tuesday of June of an odd-numbered year in addition to the dates already in statute.

The measure also updates dates as they relate to terms of office for board of education members. Every member elected to a full four year term must attend a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education prior to refileing for reelection and every member elected to a partial term must attend a minimum of three hours of continuing education for each full year served prior to the date set for filing for reelection.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE AND COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

The floor substitute removes the sections that amend municipal election processes including changes to when general and primary municipal elections take place and when an individual can file a declaration of candidacy. The floor substitute also updates dates as they related to terms of office for board of education members. The floor substitute also requires each member elected to a full four year term to attend 12 hours of continuing education and requires any member serving a partial term to attend a minimum of three hours of continuing education a year.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1823 proposes several changes to when specific elections would be held throughout an election cycle. 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 every 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.

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