

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

Chapter 75-350, L.O.F., governs municipal elections in Broward County, FL. Chapter 75-350, L.O.F., was last amended in 2004 by ch. 2004-443, L.O.F, to change provisions relating to elections dates and qualification periods.

Current Provisions

Currently, ch. 2004-443, L.O.F., provides the following municipal elections provisions:

An election day on the second Tuesday in March of even numbered calendar years.

- For municipal elections in March, the filing period is between noon on the first working day in January and noon on the 14th day after the first work day in January.
- A primary election, if needed, is held on the 2nd Tuesday in February of even numbered calendar years.

An election day on the second Tuesday in November on even numbered calendar years.

- For municipal elections in November, the filing period is between noon on the first work day in September and noon on the 14th day following the first work day September.
- A primary election, if needed, is held on the first Tuesday in October of even numbered calendar years.

Effect of Proposed Changes

This bill shortens the elections filing period established in ch. 2004-443, L.O.F., by seven days. The new filing period will be from noon on the first work day in January to noon on the 7th day following the first work day in January for elections held in March.

For elections held in November, the new filing period will be from noon on the first work day in September to the 7th day following the first work day in September.

The bill also changes when primary elections are to be held, calling for all primary elections in Broward County to be held on the Tuesday 9 weeks prior to the corresponding general election.

The bill also clarifies that any November general elections are to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Amends sections 2 and 3 of ch. 2004-443, L.O.F.

Section 2: Provides for the bill to take effect upon becoming a law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? January 10, 2005

WHERE? Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Broward, Florida

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

None.