

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Mary M. Cheh introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to alter the date of District of Columbia primary and presidential preference primary elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics Primary Date Alteration Act of 2011.”

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

(a) Section 5(b)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05) is amended by striking the phrase “shall, on the 2nd Tuesday in January of each presidential election year,” and inserting the phrase “shall, on the 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in June of each presidential year,” in its place.

(b) Section 10(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10) is amended to read as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “shall be held on the

1 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in September” and inserting the phrase “shall be held on the
2 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in June” in its place, and by striking the phrase “and the
3 primary under § 1-1005(b) shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday in January of each presidential
4 year.” and inserting the phrase “shall be held on the 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in June of
5 each presidential year.” in its place.

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

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

12 (5) Subparagraph (3)(C) is amended by striking the phrase “shall be held on the
13 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in September” and inserting the phrase “shall be held on the
14 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in June” in its place.

15 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement

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

19 Sec. 4. Effective date

20 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
21 Mayor, action by Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
22 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
23 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
24 Columbia Register.