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Chairman Phil Mendelson   Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to allow the Board of Elections to receive absentee ballots mailed on or before Election Day up to seven days after the election, to move the primary election date in presidential election years to the first Tuesday in June, and to allow the Board of Elections to conduct early voting two days earlier than currently provided.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Primary Date Alteration Temporary 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)(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.

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

(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.

34   (c) Section 10(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(a)) is amended as follows:

35   (1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday" and inserting

36   the phrase "1st Tuesday" in its place.

37   (2) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

38   (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday in

39   June of each even-numbered year" and inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday in June in a presidential

40   election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election

41   year" in its place.

42   (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday in

43   June of each even-numbered year" and inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday in June in a presidential

44   election year and on the 3rd Tuesday in June of each even-numbered non-presidential election

45   year" in its place.

46   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

47   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact

48   statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved

49   October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

50   Sec. 4. Effective date.

51   (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by

52   the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review

53   as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

54   24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of

55   Columbia Register.

56   (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.