

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to require the Board of Elections to accept absentee ballots postmarked or otherwise proven to have been sent on or before the day of the election and received by the Board of Elections no later than the 7th day after the election, to move the primary election date in presidential election years to the first Tuesday in June, and to require the Board of Elections, at each early voting center, to allow persons to vote in person for not more than 12 days before election day.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Primary Date Alteration Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On May 14, 2019, the Council passed the Primary Date Alteration Emergency Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on May 29, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-56; 66 DCR 6786). The emergency act expires on August 27, 2019, during the Council’s summer recess.

(b) On May 28, 2019, the Council passed the Primary Date Alteration Temporary Amendment Act of 2019, enacted on June 17, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-59; ___ DCR ____), which is pending congressional transmittal.

(c) This congressional review emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances

36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Primary
37 Date Alteration Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a
38 single reading.

39 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.