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2 Chairman Phil Mendelson   Councilmember Charles Allen
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11   IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To amend, on an emergency basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to allow the
17   Board of Elections to receive absentee ballots mailed on or before Election Day up to
18   seven days after the election, to move the primary election date in presidential election
19   years to the first Tuesday in June, and to allow the Board of Elections to conduct early
20   voting two days earlier than currently provided.
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22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

23 act may be cited as the "Primary Date Alteration Emergency Amendment Act of 2019".

24   Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69

25 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

26   (a) Section 5 (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05) is amended as follows:

27   (1) Subsection (a)(10A) is amended by striking the phrase "received by the Board

28 by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election" and inserting the phrase "postmarked or otherwise

29 proven to have been sent on or before the day of the election, and received by the Board no later

30 than the 7th day after the election" in its place.

31   (2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended by striking the phrase "3rd Tuesday" and

32 inserting the phrase "1st Tuesday" in its place.

33   (b) Section 9(b-1)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(2)) is amended by striking the

34 number "10" and inserting the number "12" in its place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42   year" in its place.

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

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

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

46   year" in its place.

47   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

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

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

51   Sec. 4. Effective date.

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

53   Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than

54   90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section

55   412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;

56   D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).