

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 353

TO AMEND THE DATE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE
PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD IN MARCH; AND TO CHANGE
THE DATE OF THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 353

Amend Senate Bill 353 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DATES FOR ELECTIONS; TO AMEND
THE DATES OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SCHOOL ELECTIONS, AND CERTAIN SPECIAL
ELECTIONS; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FISCAL"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
DATES FOR ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE DATES
OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SCHOOL ELECTIONS,
AND CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS; AND TO
CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FISCAL SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

AND

Immediately following the enacting clause, add additional sections to read as
follows:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A), concerning the date of



the annual school election, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The annual school election shall be held in each school district of the state:

(i) In even-numbered years, on the date of the:

(a) Preferential primary election; or

(b) General election; and

(ii) In odd-numbered years, on the+

~~(a) Second Tuesday in November; or~~

~~(b) Second Tuesday in May~~ on the first Tuesday

after the first Monday in March.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(k), concerning candidate filing procedures for school elections, is amended to read as follows:

(k) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the county board of election commissioners held not later than:

(1) The deadline to conduct the ballot draw for the preferential primary or general election for an annual school election held in even-numbered years; and

~~(2) The seventh day of March for an annual school election held on the second Tuesday in May of an odd-numbered year; and~~

~~(3) Seventy two (72) days before an annual school election held on the second Tuesday of November of an odd-numbered year~~ Eighty-nine (89) days before an annual school election in odd-numbered years."

AND

Immediately following SECTION 5 of the bill, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 7-11-205(a)(1), concerning dates of special elections on measures and questions, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, all special elections on measures or questions referred to the voters by governmental entities as authorized by law shall be held on the second Tuesday of+

~~(A) March or November in a year when a presidential~~

~~election is held; and~~

~~(B) May or November of all other years."~~

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Hester

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