

SENATE BILL 100



SB 100 AND THE MOVE ACT

PURPOSE:

Enhances the voting process for military and overseas voters who may possibly encounter complications and time delays with the standard vote by mail process, while accommodating the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (“MOVE” Act).

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This requirement applies to:

1. All elections in which a federal office appears on the ballot;
2. Elections to fill a vacancy in the state legislature, unless the election is an emergency or expedited; and
3. An election held jointly with an election described in (1) or (2).

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CHANGES:

- Ballots will be mailed or emailed to military and overseas voters no later than the 45th day before the election.
- Provides that a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) is effective for a single calendar year instead of the effective period of two federal general elections.

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MAIL BALLOTS AND CHANGES TO THE PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DATES:

The mandate to mail ballots 45 days BEFORE an election has substantial impact on the entire election calendar. Although primary elections will continue to be held the first Tuesday in March, runoff primary elections are moved from the second Tuesday in April to the fourth Tuesday in May.

Affects of the SB 100

MAY UNIFORM ELECTION DATES:

The May uniform election date now falls between the March primary and the May primary runoff. Early voting for the primary runoff begins two days after the May uniform election date. Therefore, the SB 100 limits the May uniform election date in even-numbered years to only non-county elections.

The May uniform election date in odd-numbered years is unaffected.

Affects of the SB 100

CHANGES TO:

- Date for Ordering Elections
- Filing Deadline for Candidates
- Filing Deadline for Write-in Candidates

NEW 2012 ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

12-Nov	Candidate filing begins for Primary Election
12-Dec	Candidate filing deadline for Primary Election
16-Dec	State chairs deliver candidate certifications to county chairs
19-Dec	Deadline for declaration of write-in candidacy for county chair or precinct chair
20-Dec	Last day local political parties may conduct ballot position drawing
6-Jan	First day to apply for Ballot by Mail (doesn't apply to FPCA)
21-Jan	Must begin mailing ballots to MOVE voters for Primary Election
4-Feb	First day to file for place on General Election Ballot (cities and schools only)
6-Feb	Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
21-Feb	First day of early voting for Primary Election
28-Feb	Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail
2-Mar	Last day of early voting for Primary Election
2-Mar	Candidate filing deadline for May Election
5-Mar	Last day to file for place on ballot for the General Election
5-Mar	Last day to order General Election
6-Mar	Primary Election
13-Mar	First day to apply for Ballot by Mail for the General Election
23-Mar	First day to apply for Ballot by Mail (doesn't apply to FPCA)
28-Mar	Begin mailing ballots for May elections (if ballots available)
7-Apr	Begin mailing ballots to MOVE voters for Primary Runoff Elections
12-Apr	Last day to register to vote for the General Election
23-Apr	Last day to register to vote for the Primary Runoff Election
30-Apr	First day of early voting for the General Election
4-May	Last Day to apply for Ballot by Mail for the General Election
8-May	Last day of early voting for the General Election
12-May	May Election (uniform election date)
14-May	First day of Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election
15-May	Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail for the Primary Runoff Election
18-May	Last day of Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election
22-May	Primary Runoff Elections
3-Jun	First possible day runoff election for May election may be held
6-Jun	Last possible day for May runoff elections

Primary Election – 1st Tuesday in March

Primary Runoff Election – 4th Tuesday in May

Uniform election date for local political subdivisions –
2nd Saturday in May

Runoff elections for local political subdivisions - June /
July

KEY

FEBRUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 First day to file for May 2012 Election
5	6 Last day to register to vote for Primary Election	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First day of early voting for Primary Election	22 Early Voting Primary Election	23 Early Voting Primary Election	24 Early Voting Primary Election	25 Early Voting Primary Election
26 Early Voting Primary Election	27 Early Voting Primary Election	28 Early Voting Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail	29 Early Voting Primary Election			

MARCH 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Early Voting Primary Election	2 Last day of Early Voting for Primary Elec. Candidate Filing Deadline May Election 2012	3
4	5 Last day to file place on ballot & last day to order May Elec. 2012	6 Primary Election	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Apply for ballot by mail for May Election 2012	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 First day to apply for Ballot by Mail	24
25	26	27	28 Begin mailing ballots for May Election 2012	29	30	31

APRIL 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Mail Ballots to MOVE voters Primary Runoff Elections
8	9	10	11	12 Last day to register to vote May Elec. 2012	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Last day to register to vote for Primary Runoff Election	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 First day of early voting May Election 2012					

MAY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Early Voting May Election 2012	2 Early Voting May Election 2012	3 Early Voting May Election 2012	4 Early Voting Last day to apply ballot by mail May Elec. 2012	5 Early Voting May Election 2012
6 Early Voting May Election 2012	7 Early Voting May Election 2012	8 Last day of early voting May Election 2012	9	10	11	12 Election day May 2012
13	14 First day of Early Voting Primary Runoff Election	15 Early Voting Last Day to apply ballot by mail for Primary Runoff Election	16 Early Voting Primary Runoff Election	17 Early Voting Primary Runoff Election	18 Last day of Early Voting for Primary Runoff Election	19
20	21	22 Primary Runoff Election	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

ENTITIES AFFECTED FOR MAY 12, 2012:

- 5 Municipalities
- 5 School Districts
- 7 Water Districts

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

To ensure that there are sufficient resources to conduct the primaries, cities, schools, or other political subdivisions are advised to contact their county election officials to determine if they will be able to either conduct the election or lease voting equipment.

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN MAY OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

**COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS ARE NOT
REQUIRED TO CONTRACT TO CONDUCT
ELECTIONS IN MAY OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

**COUNTIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEASE VOTING
EQUIPMENT IF DOING SO JEOPARDIZES THE
EQUIPMENT'S AVAILABILITY FOR COUNTY
ELECTIONS**

The Senate Bill 100 does not require a political subdivision to change its general election date BUT does allow a political subdivision to change to the November uniform election date or to May of an odd-number year.