

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The recent rescheduling of national and state political party conventions poses a problem for the attendees of the state convention, as some attendees are also volunteers for municipal elections held on the same weekend as the state convention. Given the size of the state convention and the planning needed for it, the convention date and venue would need to be scheduled many years in advance to avoid this conflict.

H.B. 2354 seeks to remedy this situation by moving election dates up by one week in May. Specifically, the bill changes the date on which a general or special election in an odd-numbered year must be held from the second Saturday in May to the first Saturday in May and changes the date on which a general or special election held by a political subdivision other than a county in an even-numbered year must be held from the second Saturday in May to the first Saturday in May.

H.B. 2354 amends current law relating to changing the date of the May uniform election.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 41.001(a), Election Code, to require that each general or special election in this state, except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, be held on certain dates, including the first, rather than the second, Saturday in May in an odd-numbered year, or the first, rather than the second, Saturday in May in an even-numbered year, for an election held by a political subdivision other than a county.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.