

REFERENCE TITLE: election dates; even-numbered years

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Introduced by
Representative Fillmore

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-204, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 16-204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

16-204. Declaration of statewide concern: consolidated election dates

A. While the legislature recognizes that the method of conducting elections by political subdivisions, including charter counties and cities, may be a matter of local concern, the legislature finds and determines that for the purposes of increasing voter participation and for decreasing the costs to the taxpayers it is a matter of statewide concern that all elections in this state be conducted on a limited number of days and, therefore, the legislature finds and declares that the holding of all elections on certain specific consolidated days is a matter of statewide concern.

B. Notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance of any county, city or town to the contrary, an election held for or on behalf of a county, city or town, a school district, a community college district or ~~ANY special districts~~ DISTRICT organized pursuant to title 48, ~~chapters 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 through 16 and 33~~ may only be held on the following dates:

~~1. Except for regular elections for candidates in a city or town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons, all elections, including recall elections and special elections to fill vacancies, shall be held on:~~

~~(a) The second Tuesday in March.~~

~~(b) The third Tuesday in May.~~

~~(c)~~ 1. The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November **IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.**

~~(d)~~ 2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November **IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.** Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city, town, school district, community college district or special taxing district, ~~except as provided by title 48.~~

~~2. For regular elections that are only for candidates in a city or town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons and not including recall elections and special elections to fill vacancies in those cities or towns, elections shall be held on:~~

~~(a) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.~~

~~(b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.~~

~~C. For any city or town, including a charter city, that holds its regularly scheduled candidate elections in even-numbered years pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 2, the term of office for a member of the city council or for the office of mayor begins on or after the second Tuesday in January in the year following the election.~~

~~D. This section does not apply to an election regarding a county or city charter committee or county or city charter proposal that is conducted pursuant to article XIII, section 2 or 3 or article XII, section 5, Constitution of Arizona.~~

Sec. 2. Conforming legislation

The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for consideration in the fifty-first legislature, first regular session.

Sec. 3. Effective date

This act is effective from and after December 31, 2013.