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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to  
Original House Bill No. 557 by Representative Ivey

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "1272(A)," delete "and 1277," and insert "1277, 1285(B)(1)(a),  
3 1300(C)(1), and 1300.7(A),"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 8, after "1272(A)," delete "and 1277" and insert "1277, 1285(B)(1)(a),  
6 1300(C)(1), and 1300.7(A)"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:

9 "(1)(a) Primary elections for members of congress held in a year that is not  
10 a presidential election year and officers elected at the same time as such members  
11 of congress shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November  
12 last Saturday in September of an election year.

13 (b) Primary elections for members of congress held in a presidential election  
14 year and officers elected at the same time as such members of congress shall be held  
15 on the first Saturday in August of an election year."

16 AMENDMENT NO. 4

17 On page 2, delete lines 8 through 10 and insert the following:

18 "(2)(a) For candidates in a congressional primary election held in a year that  
19 is not a presidential election year and those in any special primary election to be held  
20 at the same time, on the third Wednesday in ~~July~~ June of the year of the election.

21 (b) For candidates in a congressional primary election in a presidential  
22 election year and those in any special primary election to be held at the same time,  
23 on the second Wednesday in May of the year of the election."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 5

25 On page 2, line 23, change "(2)" to "(2)(a)"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 6

27 On page 2, line 25, between "on the" and "of an election" delete "first Saturday in October"  
28 and insert "last Saturday in September"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 7

30 On page 2, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

31 "(b) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, a candidate for  
32 congressional office who receives a majority of the votes cast for the office in a  
33 primary election held on the first Saturday in August of an election year shall not be  
34 declared elected until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an  
35 election year."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, line 5, change "(2)" to "(2)(a)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

4 On page 3, at the beginning line 7, delete "first Saturday in October" and insert "last  
5 Saturday in September"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 10

7 On page 3, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

8 "(b) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if after the close of  
9 the qualifying period for candidates in a congressional primary election to be held  
10 on the first Saturday in August of an election year, there is only one candidate for a  
11 congressional office, the name of the candidate shall not appear on the ballot in  
12 either the primary or the general election, and he shall be declared elected on the first  
13 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an election year."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 11

15 On page 3, line 27, after "A." insert "(1)"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 12

17 On page 4, line 1, after "years." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 2 in its  
18 entirety and insert the following:

19 "(2)(a) The primary election held in a year that is not a presidential election  
20 year shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November last  
21 Saturday in August of an election year.

22 (b) In a presidential election year, the primary election shall be held on the  
23 first Saturday in August of an election year."

24 AMENDMENT NO. 13

25 On page 4, delete lines 20 and 21 in their entirety and insert the following:

26 "election held on the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in August of an  
27 election year or if such a candidate in a primary election to be held on either congressional  
28 primary date of an"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 14

30 On page 4, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following:

31 \*\* \* \*  
32 §1285. Notice of election  
33 \* \* \*

34 B.(1)(a) Written notice of the election and the certificate required by  
35 Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be transmitted to the secretary of state and  
36 each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the election. If the  
37 election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice and certificate shall  
38 be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of the  
39 qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a  
40 primary election date, then the notice and certificate shall be received by the  
41 secretary of state on or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election, except for an  
42 election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a

1 presidential election year then the notice and certificate shall be received by the  
2 secretary of state on or before the eighty-first day prior to the election. The secretary  
3 of state shall not accept any revisions to propositions, including but not limited to  
4 changes in title, text, or numerical designations, after the last day for submission of  
5 the notice and certificate to the secretary of state.

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7 §1300. Procedures; notice of election; expenses

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9 C.(1) When an election is called under the provisions of this Chapter, written  
10 notice of the election shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, the commissioner  
11 of elections, and each clerk of court and registrar of voters in the area affected by the  
12 election. If the election is to be held on a primary election date, then such notice  
13 shall be received by the secretary of state at least four weeks prior to the opening of  
14 the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be held on a  
15 primary election date, then such notice shall be received by the secretary of state on  
16 or before the fifty-fourth day prior to the election, except for an election to be held  
17 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election  
18 year then the notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or  
19 before the eighty-first day prior to the election.

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21 §1300.7. Governor to order election; proclamation; publication

22 A. If the required number of qualified electors of the voting area sign the  
23 petition for recall, the governor shall issue a proclamation ordering an election to be  
24 held for the purpose of voting on the question of the recall of the officer. The total  
25 number of registered voters in the voting area and the total number of registered  
26 voters in the voting area signing the petition shall be calculated from the totals on the  
27 certificates of all of the registrars of voters received by the governor. The governor  
28 shall issue such proclamation within fifteen days after he receives the certified  
29 petitions from all of the registrars of voters in the voting area who have received  
30 petitions for certification. If the final day for the governor to issue the proclamation  
31 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the next day which is not a  
32 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday shall be deemed to be the final day for issuing the  
33 proclamation. The proclamation shall order the election to be held on the next  
34 available date specified in R.S. 18:402(F). If the election is to be held on a primary  
35 election date, the proclamation shall be issued at least four weeks prior to the  
36 opening of the qualifying period for the primary election. If the election is not to be  
37 held on a primary election date, the proclamation shall be issued on or before the  
38 fifty-fourth day prior to the election, except for an election to be held on the first  
39 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a presidential election year then the  
40 notice and certificate shall be received by the secretary of state on or before the  
41 eighty-first day prior to the election.

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