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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to change the date of the District’s presidential preference primary election from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January of each presidential election year to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February of each presidential election year; to allow political parties to hold elections for party officials on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February of each presidential election year or the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September of each presidential election year if there is a primary election already scheduled for other purposes on the date requested; and to eliminate the provision that elections for delegates to conventions and conferences of political parties can be held on dates when general or special elections are scheduled.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Election Date Amendment Act of 2007”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 702; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 1(2) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.01(2)) is amended by striking the phrase “: Provided, that all elections for delegates to conventions and conferences of political parties, upon the request of the said party, shall be scheduled at the same time as primary, general, or special elections already scheduled for other purposes”.

Amend  
§ 1-1001.01

(b) Section 5(b)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(b)(1)) is amended by striking the phrase “2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January” and inserting the phrase “2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February” in its place.

Amend  
§ 1-1001.05

(c) Section 10(a)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

Amend  
§ 1-1001.10

“(a)(1) The elections of the officials referred to in sections 1(1), (2), (3), or (4) shall be held, at the request of the party, on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February of each presidential election year or the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September of each presidential election year if there is a primary election already scheduled for other purposes on the date requested. The primary under section 5(b) shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February of each presidential election year.”.

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Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia