

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2685 amends dates in which a political subdivision authorized to call elections for any purpose. Elections can be called the second Tuesday of August in an odd-numbered year and the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November in an odd-numbered year. A special election called by the Governor must only be set on the second Tuesday of January, February, May, June, July, August, September, and October and the first Tuesday in March and April as well as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. The Governor can also call a special election on the second Tuesday of January and February, the first Tuesday in April, and the date of any regularly scheduled state or federal election. The measure also strikes authorization for a municipality with a population of more than 250,000 people to hold an election on the second Tuesday or December in odd numbered years. Last, the measure requires that any school district, technology center district, municipality, rural fire protection district or any other entity seeking to hold a special election for the purpose of filling a vacancy must schedule a three day candidate filing period that begins not more than 10 days following the date the resolution calling the election is required to be filed.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2685 modifies dates in which regular or special elections may be held and shortens the candidate filing period to not begin more than ten (10) days following the date the resolution calling the election is filed with the county election board. The State Election Board (SEB) anticipates software programming costs of less than \$5,000 in order to implement the changes of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.