

HOUSE BILL NO. 841
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ELECTION LAWS; CHANGING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION AND THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-107 AND 20-20-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 13-1-107, MCA, is amended to read:

"13-1-107. Times for holding primary elections. (1) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in ~~June~~ ~~April~~ MAY preceding the general election provided for in 13-1-104(1), a primary election ~~shall~~ must be held throughout the state.

(2) On the Tuesday following the second Monday in September preceding the general election provided for in 13-1-104(2), a primary election, if required, ~~shall~~ must be held throughout the state.

(3) If the general election for a municipality required to hold annual elections is held in November, as provided in 13-1-104(4), a primary election, if required, ~~shall~~ must be held on the Tuesday following the second Monday in September. In an even-numbered year, the cost of this election must be paid by the municipality."

Section 2. Section 20-20-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-20-105. Regular school election day and special school elections -- limitation -- exception.

(1) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of ~~May~~ ~~April~~ MAY of each year is the regular school election day. Except as provided in subsection (3), a proposition requesting additional funding under 20-9-353 may be submitted to the electors only once each calendar year on the regular school election day.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1), special school elections may be conducted at times determined by the trustees.

(3) In the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the funding election pursuant to subsection (1), the district will be allowed to reschedule the election for a different day of the calendar year. As used in this section, "unforeseen emergency" has the meaning provided in 20-3-322(5)."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated in each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009 \$1,500 from the general fund to the secretary of state to produce copies of a booklet containing Title 13 of the Montana Code Annotated and related administrative rules and forms.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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