

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 SECTION 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 2. 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 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2007.

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