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2022 General Primary Election Date Changes to June 28, 2022

The date of the General Primary Election to be held in 2022 has been changed from March 15, 2022, to June 28, 2022. On May 31, 2021, the Illinois General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 825, which became Public Act 102-0015 (the "Public Act"), after being signed into law by the Governor on June 17, 2021. The Public Act changes the election date by adding Section 2A-1.1b to the Election Code of the State of Illinois (the "Election Code").

The change to the 2022 General Primary Election date results in changes to the timeline for submitting a public question to referendum at the 2022 General Primary Election, which are noted as follows:

- (1) A petition to submit a public question to referendum now must be filed with the appropriate officer or board no later than Monday, March 21, 2022, in accordance with Section 2A-1.1b(d) of the Election Code.
- (2) A resolution or ordinance initiating a public question now must be adopted by the governing board of a political subdivision not later than Monday, April 11, 2022, in accordance with Section 28-2 of the Election Code.

Such date changes will impact all public questions to be submitted for the 2022 General Primary Election, including bond issues subject to referendum or backdoor referendum.

Please note that the Public Act did not change the date of the subsequent general primary election, which will be held on March 19, 2024.

For More Information

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