

**FOR CONSIDERATION By** the Committee on Rules Subcommittee on  
Ethics and Elections

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the primary election date; amending  
3           s. 100.061, F.S.; decreasing the period between the  
4           primary election and the general election in each year  
5           in which a general election is held; providing an  
6           effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Section 100.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
11   read:

12           100.061 Primary election.—In each year in which a general  
13   election is held, a primary election for nomination of  
14   candidates of political parties shall be held on the Tuesday 11  
15   ~~12~~ weeks before ~~prior to~~ the general election. The candidate  
16   receiving the highest number of votes cast in each contest in  
17   the primary election shall be declared nominated for such  
18   office. If two or more candidates receive an equal and highest  
19   number of votes for the same office, such candidates shall draw  
20   lots to determine which candidate is nominated.

21           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.