

**CS/HB 98**

**LOCAL ELECTION ACT** Enacts new material; the bill repeals the Municipal Election Code and enacts the Local Election Act in its place. "Local government" means municipalities, including home rule municipalities, special districts, school districts, irrigation districts and other districts. Regular Local Elections, are the local government elections that will take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years beginning in 2019. The term of office of the candidate elected in a Regular Local Election shall begin on January 1 following the candidate's election. The Regular Local Election will be conducted by the County Clerk in which the local government is located. Otherwise the election of municipal officers will take place at the Municipal Officer Election Day which will be on the first Tuesday in March of even numbered years. For the Municipal Officer Election, the municipal clerk will administer the election which shall be run in accordance with the Local Election Act. Those elected in March assume office on the first of the month following the election. A municipality may decide to "opt in." If a municipality opts in, its election of officers will occur at the Regular Local Election in November of odd numbered years and will be conducted by the County Clerk. In order to opt in, a municipality must pass an ordinance and file the ordinance with the Secretary of State no later than January 30 of the year in which the next regular local election is scheduled.

For the Regular Local Election, the Secretary of State issues the proclamation calling an election and the election is administered and conducted by the county clerk of the county in which the local election will occur, according to provisions of the Local Election Act. Precincts remain the same as in the immediately preceding general election and partial precincts may be created if a precinct is only partially in the district. Candidates must reside and be registered to vote in the district in which they seek office. Local elections are nonpartisan elections. Effective 5/16/18.