WEST virginia Legislature

**FISCAL NOTE**

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House Bill 2525

By Delegate Fast

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A BILL to amend and reenact §3-1-31 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring all local special elections to be held on the days and hours of general, primary or statewide elections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.

§3-1-31. Days and hours of elections.

General elections shall be held in the several election precincts of the state on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November of each even year. Primary and special elections shall be held on the days provided by law therefor: *Provided,* That beginning July 1, 2021, all local elections shall be held on days and hours of general, primary or statewide elections.

At every primary, general or special election the polls shall be opened in each precinct on the day of ~~such~~ the election at ~~six-thirty o’clock~~ 6:30 in the ~~forenoon~~ morning and be closed at ~~seven-thirty o’clock~~ 7:30 in the evening.

Note: The purpose of this bill is to require local elections to be held at times of general, primary or statewide elections.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.