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House Bill 2592

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A BILL to amend and reenact §3-1-31 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to bringing uniformity to local elections by ensuring that all counties and municipalities have their local elections held on a date that a statewide election is already taking place, on a primary, general, or special election date.

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.

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

All counties and municipalities in the state shall hold their local elections, including, but not limited to, municipal elections, bond elections, special levy elections, etc. on a primary, general or special election date statewide. Local elections are prohibited from being held on any date other than a scheduled statewide election date.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that all local elections be held on a date that a statewide election is being held.

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