
DIGEST

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HB 4 Original

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Bayham

Abstract: Provides for the 2026 fall primary election to serve as a primary election for party primary offices and for the 2026 fall general election to serve as a general election for party primary offices.

Present law effective January 1, 2026, provides that there shall be a fall primary election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November for officers elected at the same time as members of congress in that year. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the fall primary election date shall also serve as the *general* election date for a party primary office to be elected in a congressional election year and provides that the candidate who receives the most votes cast for a party primary office in the general election is elected.

Proposed law instead provides that the 2026 fall primary election shall serve as a *primary* election date for a party primary office to be elected in 2026 and provides that a party primary office candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast for the office in the primary election is elected.

Present law effective January 1, 2026, provides that there shall be a fall general election held on the sixth Saturday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of a congressional election year and does not include party primary offices in the fall general election.

Proposed law provides that the 2026 fall general election shall also serve as a *general* election date for a party primary office to be elected in 2026 and provides that a party primary office candidate who receives the most votes cast for the office in the general election is elected.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 18:419)