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HB 317 Reengrossed   2018 Regular Session   Robby Carter

Abstract: Requires certain Lawrason Act municipalities to use the gubernatorial election date for their municipal elections.

Present law provides that municipalities with a mayor-board of aldermen form of government hold municipal elections every four years on the date for municipal and ward elections in accordance with the election code (the Spring election dates). Provides that the officers elected take office on the first day of July following their election. Present law provides, however, that such a municipality may move its municipal elections to the congressional election date by adopting an ordinance and submitting a plan to the secretary of state not later than one year prior to the opening of the qualifying period for the congressional primary election at which municipal officers shall be elected initially. Provides that such a plan is irrevocable. Provides that officers elected take office on the first day of Jan. following their election. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law changes the election date for municipal elections in a municipality with a population of between 1,200 and 2,000 persons that is within a parish with a population between 118,000 and 125,000 persons to the *gubernatorial* election date. Provides that officers elected take office on the first day of July following their election and hold office for four years.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:383(A)(1); Adds R.S. 33:383(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

   The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1.   Change the date for municipal elections rather than authorizing the municipality to change the date.

2.   Remove provisions of proposed law relative to the adoption and filing of a plan by the municipal governing authority.