

1 SB285
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3 By Senator McClendon
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, upon receiving dicennial
9 census redistricting data from the U.S. Census
10 Bureau, the Legislature must redraw Congressional
11 districts and state legislative districts and pass
12 redistricting legislation. By federal law, the U.S.
13 Census Bureau is required to send redistricting
14 data to the states by April 1, 2021; however, the
15 U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will not be
16 sending this redistricting data to states until
17 September 30, 2021. After that date, the
18 Legislature must pass redistricting legislation.
19 This delayed date will affect the election cycle
20 for the 2022 general election.

21 Under existing law, primary elections,
22 except in years when there is a presidential
23 primary, are held on the fourth Tuesday in May and
24 primary runoff elections are held four weeks later.

25 This bill would provide that only during the
26 2022 election cycle, the primary election shall be
27 held on the second Tuesday in July.

1 This bill would provide for a one time
2 occurrence.

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 Relating to elections; to revise the date of the
9 2022 primary election and primary runoff election, and to
10 provide that this is a one time occurrence.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. (a) This section shall only apply to the
13 2022 election cycle.

14 (b) For purposes of subsection (a) of Section
15 17-13-3, Code of Alabama 1975, and notwithstanding any other
16 law to the contrary, the primary election shall be held on the
17 second Tuesday in July.

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.