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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGING REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS TO  
102 MAY OF EACH ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, AND, IN CONNECTION  
103 THEREWITH, ADJUSTING THE LENGTH OF TERMS SERVED BY  
104 DIRECTORS ELECTED IN 2020 AND 2022 IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT  
105 THE NEW ELECTION SCHEDULE.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Currently, regular special district elections are held on the Tuesday immediately succeeding the first Monday of May in every even-numbered

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year. Commencing in 2023, the bill moves such elections to the Tuesday following the first Monday of May in odd-numbered years.

In order to implement the new date on which regular special district elections will be held, **section 4** of the bill provides that the directors elected at the special district elections held in 2020 and 2022 will serve 3-year terms.

**Section 5** makes a conforming amendment to the "Rail District Act of 1982", which uses the same election schedule as provided for special district directors.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-1-104, **amend** (42)  
3 as follows:

4 **1-1-104. Definitions.** As used in this code, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6 (42) "Regular special district election" means the election on the  
7 Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every ~~even-numbered~~  
8 ODD-NUMBERED year, held for the purpose of electing members to the  
9 board of special districts and for submission of ballot issues, if any.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13.5-111, **amend**  
11 (1) as follows:

12 **1-13.5-111. Time for holding elections for special districts -**  
13 **type of election - manner of election - notice.** (1) Except as otherwise  
14 provided in subsection (4) of this section, regular special district elections  
15 must be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every  
16 ~~even-numbered~~ ODD-NUMBERED year.

17 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-103, **amend** the  
18 introductory portion and (17) as follows:

19 **32-1-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 1, unless  
20 the context otherwise requires:

1           (17) "Regular special district election" means the election on the  
2 Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every ~~even-numbered~~  
3 ODD-NUMBERED year, held for the purpose of electing members to the  
4 boards of special districts and for submission of other public questions,  
5 if any.

6           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-305.5, **amend**  
7 (3) as follows:

8           **32-1-305.5. Organizational election - new special district - first**  
9 **directors.** (3) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS  
10 SECTION, the basic term of office for directors, after the original terms  
11 provided in subsection (2) of this section, ~~shall be~~ IS four years.

12           (b) THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORS ELECTED IN THE  
13 REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS HELD IN 2020 AND 2022 ARE FOR  
14 THREE YEARS.

15           **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-12-103, **amend**  
16 the introductory portion and (11) as follows:

17           **32-12-103. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 12, unless  
18 the context otherwise requires:

19           (11) "Regular special district election" means the election held on  
20 the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of May in every ~~even-numbered~~  
21 ODD-NUMBERED year, as provided in section 32-1-103 (17), for the  
22 purpose of electing members of the board and for submission of other  
23 public questions, if any.

24           **SECTION 6. Effective date.** This act takes effect upon passage;  
25 except that sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this act take effect July 1, 2022.

26           **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.