



Legislation Text

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Ordinance Setting 2019 Election Dates, Early Voting Dates and Qualifying Dates (B)

Ordinance No. 180024

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, setting March 19, 2019 as the date for the 2019 regular City election and April 30, 2019 as the date for the 2019 run-off election, if necessary; setting the early voting dates for the 2019 regular city election and 2019 run-off election, if necessary; setting the dates for qualifying for the 2019 regular election; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an immediate effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

Section 9-2 of the City Code of Ordinances requires that if the Commission does not adopt an elections ordinance by July 1 of any year, then the next regular election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March. The Commission did not adopt an ordinance by July 1, 2018, so this ordinance recognizes that that the regular election date is set as Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in accordance with City Code.

Section 9-2 of the City Code of Ordinances requires that a runoff election (if necessary) be held on the sixth Tuesday following the regular election, so this ordinance identifies that date as Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

Section 9-10 of the City Code of Ordinances states the period to qualify as a candidate for the City Commission shall be between the 50th and 46th day prior to the date of the regular election, so this ordinance identifies those dates as between noon on Monday, January 28, 2019 to noon on Friday, February 1, 2019.

Section 9.6-5 of the City Code of Ordinances states that early voting dates shall be set forth in the election ordinance adopted annually by the City Commission, so this ordinance sets the early voting dates of Saturday, March 9, 2019 to and including Saturday, March 16, 2019 for the regular election and early voting dates of Saturday, April 20, 2019 to and including Saturday, April 27, 2019 for the run-off election, if necessary.