



## Legislation Text

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### **AMENDMENTS TO ELECTIONS CODE RELATING TO RUNOFF ELECTIONS AND EARLY VOTING (B)**

Ordinance No. 160430

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances relating to elections; amending Section 9-2 to provide that runoff elections shall be held on the sixth Tuesday following the first election and to provide that the election ordinance adopted each year shall provide the dates for early voting; amending Section 9-6.5 as it relates to early voting; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

In order to facilitate a new agreement with the Supervisor of Elections for City elections, the City Commission, at its meeting of October 6, 2016, authorized the City Attorney to draft an ordinance changing sections of the City's Code relating to elections to change the time in between the regular election and the runoff election to six weeks as opposed to the current four week period and to amend the early voting provisions for municipal elections. The ordinance provides that early voting shall be conducted at dates and times set forth in the election ordinance adopted by the City Commission annually, provided that such dates and times are not inconsistent with state law. This ordinance requires two hearings and shall become effective immediately upon adoption; however it shall apply only to City elections conducted after January 1, 2018.