

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2016 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4276**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced January 26, 2016; Referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §3-1-31 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to requiring all local special elections to be held on the days and hours of general, primary  
 3 or state-wide elections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §3-1-31 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted  
 2 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS.**

**§3-1-31. Days and hours of elections.**

1 General elections shall be held in the several election precincts of the state on the Tuesday  
 2 next after the first Monday in November of each even year. Primary and special elections shall be  
 3 held on the days provided by law therefor: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2016, all local  
 4 elections shall be held on days and hours of general, primary or state-wide elections.

5 At every primary, general or special election the polls shall be opened in each precinct on  
 6 the day of ~~such~~ the election at six-thirty o'clock in the forenoon and be closed at seven-thirty  
 7 o'clock in the evening.

Note: The purpose of this bill is to require local elections to be held at times of general,  
 primary or state-wide elections.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law,  
 and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.