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House Bill 2592

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Committee on Political Subdivisions then the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §3-1-31 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to
 2 bringing uniformity to local elections by ensuring that all counties and municipalities have
 3 their local elections held on a date that a statewide election is already taking place, on a
 4 primary, general, or special election date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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.

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

7 All counties and municipalities in the state shall hold their local elections, including, but
 8 not limited to, municipal elections, bond elections, special levy elections, etc. on a primary,
 9 general or special election date statewide. Local elections are prohibited from being held on any
 10 date other than a scheduled statewide election date.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that all local elections be held on a date that a statewide election is being held.

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