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House Bill 2602

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 19, 2021; Referred to the Committee
on Political Subdivisions then 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 and state special elections to be held on the days and hours of general
3 or primary or state elections; and providing an exception for run-off elections.

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: Provided, That beginning July 1, 2021, all state and
4 local special elections shall be held on the days and hours of general or primary state elections:
5 Provided, however, That run-off elections may be held on days as determined by the local and
6 state governments.

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

Note: The purpose of this bill is to require local and state elections to be held at times of general, primary, or state-wide elections. The bill provides an exception for run-off 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.