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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD MUNICIPAL
ELECTIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE ELECTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-164 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
3 *1, 2027*):

4 (a) (1) (A) On and after January 1, [2022] 2027, and notwithstanding
5 any contrary provision of law, there shall be held in each municipality,
6 biennially, a municipal election either (i) on the Tuesday after the first
7 Monday of November of the odd-numbered years, except that such
8 municipal election may be held on the first Monday of May of the odd-
9 numbered years if the legislative body of such municipality so
10 determines by a three-fourths vote, or (ii) in conjunction with the state
11 election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the
12 even-numbered years if the legislative body of such municipality so
13 determines.

14 (B) In any municipality where the legislative body determines to hold

15 its municipal election on the first Monday of May of the odd-numbered
16 years in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
17 subdivision, such legislative body may subsequently determine by a
18 majority vote to hold such municipal election on the Tuesday after the
19 first Monday of November of the odd-numbered years.

20 (2) In any municipality where the term of any incumbent municipal
21 elected official would expire prior to the next regular election held
22 under the provisions of this section, the term of such official shall be
23 extended to conform to the beginning of the succeeding term under
24 section 9-187a, as amended by this act.

25 Sec. 2. Section 9-164c of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

27 On and after January 1, [2022] 2027, (1) any municipality may change
28 the date of its municipal election in accordance with the provisions of
29 section 9-164, as amended by this act, (2) in any municipality that
30 changes from the November municipal election date in the odd-
31 numbered years specified in said section to the May municipal election
32 date in the odd-numbered years specified in said section, the terms of
33 incumbent municipal elected officials shall be diminished to conform to
34 such change, [but for a period of not more than nine months, and] (3) in
35 any municipality that changes from the May municipal election date in
36 the odd-numbered years specified in said section to the November
37 municipal election date in the odd-numbered years specified in said
38 section, the terms of incumbent municipal elected officials shall be
39 extended to conform to such change, [but for a period of not more than
40 nine months] (4) in any municipality that changes from the November
41 municipal election date in the odd-numbered years specified in said
42 section to the November municipal election date in the even-numbered
43 years specified in said section, the terms of incumbent municipal elected
44 officials shall be diminished to conform to such change, and (5) in any
45 municipality that changes from the May municipal election date in the
46 odd-numbered years specified in said section to the November

47 municipal election date in the even-numbered years specified in said
48 section, the terms of incumbent municipal elected officials shall be
49 diminished to conform to such change.

50 Sec. 3. Section 9-187a of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

52 Except as provided in sections 9-164b to 9-164f, inclusive, as amended
53 by this act, the term of each elected municipal official shall begin within
54 seventy days after the municipal election at which such official is
55 elected, on the day within such period prescribed by special act or
56 charter provision, or, in the absence of such special act or charter
57 provision, on the day within such period as is prescribed by action of
58 the legislative body of such municipality, provided (1) in each
59 municipality which holds its municipal election on the [first Monday of]
60 May date in the odd-numbered years specified in section 9-164, as
61 amended by this act, in the absence of such special act or charter
62 provision, or action of the legislative body, such terms shall begin on the
63 first day of July following the municipal election at which such official
64 is elected, [and] (2) in each municipality which holds its municipal
65 election on the [Tuesday after the first Monday of] November date in
66 the odd-numbered years, or on the November date in the even-
67 numbered years, specified in section 9-164, as amended by this act, with
68 the exception of the term of the town clerk, in the absence of such special
69 act, or charter provision, or action of the legislative body, such term shall
70 begin on the second Tuesday next following the day of the municipal
71 election at which such official is elected, and (3) in each municipality
72 which holds its municipal election on the [Tuesday after the first
73 Monday in] November date in the odd-numbered years, or on the
74 November date in the even-numbered years, specified in section 9-164,
75 as amended by this act, the term of the town clerk shall be two years
76 from the first Monday of January next succeeding [his] such clerk's
77 election, unless otherwise provided by charter or special act. Whenever
78 the beginning date of the terms of elected municipal officials is so
79 determined or changed, within the limits [hereinabove] specified in this

80 section, the authority providing [therefor] for such determination or
81 change may provide for the conforming diminution or extension of
82 terms of incumbents.

83 Sec. 4. Section 9-164b of the general statutes is repealed and the
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

85 As to any board or commission of a municipality with a rotating
86 membership, some of the members of which, prior to any change in a
87 municipal election date for such municipality under section 9-164, as
88 amended by this act, were elected for terms beginning approximately
89 one year after the date of [their] such members' election, the legislative
90 body of such municipality may provide for such conforming changes in
91 the beginning date of the terms of office as are designed to continue the
92 rotation with regard to such office as [it] such rotation existed prior to
93 such change, and in the absence of such action by such legislative body,
94 the beginning date of the terms of such office shall be so changed by the
95 clerk of the municipality in preparing the list provided for under section
96 9-254. With respect to any board or commission of a municipality with
97 a rotating membership established under sections 8-1, 8-4a, 8-5 and 8-
98 19, the authority empowered to prescribe the term of office of the
99 members of such board or commission, if it is authorized under [said]
100 sections 8-1, 8-4a, 8-5 and 8-19 to provide for an odd-numbered year
101 term, may further provide for deferred terms by prescribing which
102 terms are to begin approximately one year from the date on which the
103 terms of municipal officers generally begin in such municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	9-164(a)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	9-164c
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	9-187a
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2027</i>	9-164b

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) allow a municipality, by vote of its legislative body, to change from holding its municipal election in the odd-numbered years to holding its municipal election in conjunction with the state election in the even-numbered years, and (2) modify the laws relating to the transitional terms of office whenever such a change is made.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]