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# HOUSE BILL NO. 503

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DUGGER (Sponsor), DIEHL, ENTLICHER, COX, POLLOCK,  
GOSEN, WELLS, HOUGH, DENISON, LICHTENEGGER, KOENIG, RIDDLE,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.123 and 115.755, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to public election dates.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 115.123 and 115.755, RSMo, are repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.123, to read as follows:

115.123. 1. All public elections shall be held on Tuesday. Except as provided in  
2 subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section, and section 247.180, all public elections shall be held on  
3 the general election day, the primary election day, the general municipal election day, the first  
4 Tuesday after the first Monday in February or November, or on another day expressly provided  
5 by city or county charter, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June and in nonprimary years  
6 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August.

7 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, an election for a  
8 presidential primary held pursuant to sections [115.755] **115.758** to 115.785 shall be held on the  
9 first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

10 3. The following elections shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection 1 of this  
11 section:

- 12 (1) Bond elections necessitated by fire, vandalism or natural disaster;  
13 (2) Elections for which ownership of real property is required by law for voting; and  
14 (3) Special elections to fill vacancies and to decide tie votes or election contests.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15           4. No city or county shall adopt a charter or charter amendment which calls for elections  
16 to be held on dates other than those established in subsection 1 of this section.

17           5. Nothing in this section prohibits a charter city or county from having its primary  
18 election in March if the charter provided for a March primary before August 28, 1999.

19           6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit elections held pursuant to section 65.600, but no  
20 other issues shall be on the March ballot except pursuant to this chapter.

21                   [115.755. A statewide presidential preference primary shall be held on  
22 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each presidential election  
23 year.]