



March 28, 2017

Municipal Elections Preemption – Request for Information

PCB GAC 17-03 (Government Accountability Committee) will be considered by the [House Government Accountability Committee](#) on Wednesday, March 29 at 8:00 a.m.

This proposal is different from the municipal elections preemption bill that was filed last year.

PCB GAC 17-03 preempts the authority of cities to set the date for city elections. Click [here](#) for the bill. Click [here](#) for the staff analysis for the bill.

The bill requires all municipal elections to be held in one of four choices:

- General Election in November on even years
- First Tuesday after the First Monday in November of odd-numbered years
- First Tuesday after the First Monday in April of even-numbered years
- First Tuesday after the First Monday in April of odd-numbered years

The bill expressly preempts any conflicting charters, ordinances, and general or special laws.

The bill provides for an orderly transition in office by extending the terms for affected incumbent city officers.

The bill is effective for city elections occurring after July 1, 2020.

Request for Information

Please review the proposed legislation and let us know what concerns your city would have with this proposal. FLC already has municipal election dates for each city. Additionally, please provide your city's voter turnout for the last municipal election.

Please provide this information to Casey Cook at ccook@flcities.com by this Friday, March 31. Should you have any questions, please contact Casey at 850-701-3609.

Thank you for your assistance.