



**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

# HOUSE BILL 402: Study Municipal Elections in Even Years

2015-2016 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Elections	<b>Date:</b>	April 16, 2015
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**SUMMARY:** *HB 402 would require the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee to study whether municipal elections should be held in even-numbered years.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Article 23 of Chapter 163 provides that municipal elections be held in odd-numbered years.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** HB 402 would require the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee (Committee) to study whether municipal elections should be held in even-numbered years. The Committee could consider factors such as municipal election turnout data, cost of municipal elections, and preferences of local municipal elected officials. The Committee must report to the 2016 Session of the 2015 General Assembly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** HB 402 would become effective when it becomes law.

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