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## **Board of Elections Announces New Date for 2018 Primary Election**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) today announces that **June 19** is the primary election date for the 2018 election season. Originally scheduled for September 4, 2018, the 2018 primary election will be held on **June 19** due to the Primary Date Alteration Emergency Amendment Act, which mandates that primary elections in the District be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in June of each election year.

The Council of the District of Columbia Committee of the Whole voted to pass the act during its May 16, 2017 legislative meeting. The legislation will go into effect once it is signed by Mayor Muriel E. Bowser.

The new primary election date allows DCBOE to comply with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act, which requires that ballots be mailed to military and overseas voters at least 45 days prior to a federal election. District of Columbia Public Schools are not in session on **June 19**, thereby reducing disruptions for both students and voters at schools that serve as polling places.

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