

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB51 **Patron:** Bloxom
Bill Title: Elections; time of certain local elections.

Bill Summary: Removes a provision that requires local elections for mayor, members of a local governing body, or members of an elected school board to be held at the time of the November general election. The bill allows cities and towns that made the transition between July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2026, to provide by ordinance for its reversal.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding. Localities may incur additional costs for additional elections.

Other: N/A