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Overview

This bill would authorize a town that has adopted a November election date to return to the second Tuesday in March as the date of the town general election and it allows a town with a November general election to adopt a plan providing for a six-year term for town supervisors. It also would allow a town to move its March general election date due to bad weather.

Section

- 1** **Date of election.** Allows a town to move the date for the March general election in the event of bad weather under the same provisions that govern rescheduling of the annual town meeting for bad weather. (“If there is bad weather on the day of the meeting and election in March, the town board shall set the meeting and election for the third Tuesday in March. If there is bad weather on the third Tuesday in March, the town board shall set another date for the meeting and election within 30 days of the third Tuesday in March. If the meeting and election are postponed, the notice requirements in subdivision 2 shall apply to the postponed meeting and election.”)
- 2** **Return to March election.** Permits a town board that has adopted the alternative November election date to adopt a resolution returning to the second Tuesday in March as the date of the town general election, if the town has already conducted at least two elections on the alternative date. The resolution requires a unanimous vote of town supervisors and must specify that the terms of office are shorter or longer to provide an orderly transition to the new election date. The resolution becomes effective after a majority of voters have approved it at the next town general election.
- 3** **Officers; November election.** Cross-reference.
- 4** **Optional six-year terms.** Permits a town opting for a November election to also provide for six-year terms for town supervisors. The change may be proposed by the town board or by a resolution of electors that is adopted at the annual town meeting and it becomes

effective after an affirmative vote of electors at the next town general election.