



# Fiscal Note

## Fiscal Services Division



[HF 2623](#) – Election Dates, City, School Board, and Bond Measures (LSB5610HV)  
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### Description

[House File 2623](#) changes a city or school election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, which is the same day as the general election. This provision of the Bill applies to regular school district and city elections held after November 2, 2027.

School district and city officers serving on July 1, 2026 (FY 2027), whose terms would expire in January of an even-numbered year, are required to serve until the January next following and be eligible for reelection in the November immediately preceding the January in which the school district or city officer’s term of office expires.

### Background

Currently, school district and city elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Counties administer both city and school district elections. There are 324 school districts and 940 cities in Iowa.

### Assumptions

- The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) estimates \$13,000 per school board election and can be dependent on the number of counties within a school district’s boundaries.
- It is unknown if there will be an increase in the number of bond elections for school districts.
- Counties estimate increased election costs for counties may be significant, due to additional ballot styles, printing, design, and poll workers to manage additional ballot styles.

### Fiscal Impact

House File 2623 is estimated to shift \$4.2 million in school district election costs from FY 2030 to FY 2031. The cost shifted to administer city elections is unknown. Cost increases to counties may be significant, but cannot be determined.

### Sources

Iowa Association of School Boards  
Iowa State Association of Counties

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