



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 284**

129th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sens.** Jordan, Eklund, Turner, Brown

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Eliminates the ability to conduct special elections in February and August.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill reduces the number of times per year that a political subdivision or taxing district may place an election on the ballot by eliminating special elections in February and August. Under the bill, these elections can appear on the ballot only on the day of a primary or general election. Thus, in most years, special elections could be conducted in May and November. In presidential election years, those elections could be conducted in March, rather than in May, to coincide with the presidential primary election.

Under current law, political subdivisions and specified taxing districts may place issues, such as proposed tax levies or bond issues, on the ballot up to four times a year (or three times per year in presidential election years).<sup>1</sup>

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	01-19-12

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 323.17, 3501.01, 5705.194, 5739.021, and 5739.026.