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On page 4, after line 2 of the committee amendment, insert the following:

"**Sec. 6.** RCW 29.13.020 and 1992 c 37 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) All city, town, and district general elections shall be held throughout the state of Washington on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

This section shall not apply to:

(a) Elections for the recall of any elective public officer;

(b) Public utility districts or district elections at which the ownership of property within those districts is a prerequisite to voting, all of which elections shall be held at the times prescribed in the laws specifically applicable thereto;

(c) Consolidation proposals as provided for in RCW 28A.315.280 and nonhigh capital fund aid proposals as provided for in chapter 28A.540 RCW.

(2) The county auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections, upon request in the form of a resolution of the governing body of a city, town, or district, presented to the auditor at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date, may, if the county auditor deems an emergency to exist, call a special election in such city, town, or district, and for the purpose of such special election he or she may combine, unite, or divide precincts. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, such a special election shall be held on one of the following dates as decided by the governing body:

(a) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;

(b) The second Tuesday in March;

(c) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April;

(d) The third Tuesday in May;

(e) The day of the primary election as specified by RCW 29.13.070; or

(f) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

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(3) In a presidential election year, if a presidential preference
primary is conducted in February, March, April, or May under chapter
29.19 RCW, the date on which a special election may be called under
subsection (2) of this section during the month of that primary is the
date of the presidential primary.

   (4) In addition to subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this section,
a special election to validate an excess levy or bond issue may be
called at any time to meet the needs resulting from failure of a
((school or)) junior taxing district to pass a special levy or bond
issue for the first time or to meet the needs of a school or junior
taxing district resulting from fire, flood, earthquake, or other act of
God, except that no special election may be held between the first day
for candidates to file for public office and the last day to certify
the returns of the general election other than as provided in
subsection (2)(e) and (f) of this section. Such special election
shall be conducted and notice thereof given in the manner provided by
law. A school district authorized to hold an electioin to validate an
excess levy or bond issue according to RCW 28A.535.020 or 84.52.056 may
submit such an issue for election at only one of the dates provided in
subsection (2)(a) through (f) of this section in any calendar year.

   (5) This section shall supersede the provisions of any and all
other statutes, whether general or special in nature, having different
dates for such city, town, and district elections, the purpose of this
section being to establish mandatory dates for holding elections."

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     On page 4, line 23 of the amendment, after "84.52.056," strike
"and"

     On page 4, line 23 of the committee amendment, after "39.36.020"
insert ", and 29.13.020"

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