

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1831

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Modifying the dates of an election cycle.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Appleton, Miloscia, Priest, Green, Ormsby, Williams, Hudgins, Condotta, Moeller and Chase.

**House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs**  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**

**Background:**

State law governs campaign financing, lobbyist reporting, political advertising and electioneering communications, reporting of public officials' financial affairs, and campaign contribution limits. This law prohibits contributions to a campaign after the last day of the applicable election cycle.

For purposes of this law, "election cycle" is defined as the period beginning on December 1 after the date of the last previous general election for the office that the candidate seeks and ending on November 30 after the next election for the office. In the case of a special election to fill a vacancy in an office, "election cycle" means the period beginning the day the vacancy occurs and ending on November 30 after the special election.

**Summary:**

"Election cycle" is defined as the period beginning on January 1 after the date of the last previous general election for the office that the candidate seeks and ending on December 31 after the next election for the office. In the case of a special election to fill a vacancy in an office, "election cycle" means the period beginning the day the vacancy occurs and ending on December 31 after the special election.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0
Senate	45	3

**Effective:** July 22, 2007