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1 AN ACT changing the date of presidential primary elections and  
2 amending various parts of the statutory law.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the  
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:2-1. Presidential primary elections for delegates and  
9 alternates to national conventions of political parties shall be held in  
10 each presidential year on the **[last]** Tuesday next after the first  
11 Monday in February.

12 Primary elections for the general election shall be held in each  
13 year on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in June.

14 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00  
15 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time. Primary elections for special  
16 elections shall be held not earlier than 30 nor later than 20 days  
17 prior to the special elections.

18 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.2)

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20 2. R.S.19:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

21 19:3-3. Delegates and alternates to the national conventions of  
22 the political parties held in each presidential year shall be elected at  
23 the presidential primary election to be held on the **[last]** Tuesday  
24 next after the first Monday in February in that year.

25 The members of State, county and municipal committees of the  
26 political parties shall be chosen at the primary for the general  
27 election as hereinafter provided.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.3)

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30 3. R.S.19:6-3 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:6-3. a. (1) The county board shall, on or before January **[10]**  
32 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every other  
33 year, appoint the members of the district boards in the manner  
34 prescribed by paragraph (2) of this subsection. The members of any  
35 district board shall be equally apportioned between the two political  
36 parties which at the last preceding general election held for the  
37 election of all of the members of the General Assembly cast the  
38 largest and next largest number of votes respectively in this State  
39 for members of the General Assembly, except that if the county  
40 board is unable to fill all of the positions of the members of a  
41 particular district board from among qualified members of those  
42 two political parties, the county board shall appoint to any such  
43 unfilled position an otherwise qualified person who is unaffiliated  
44 with any political party, but no such appointment of an unaffiliated  
45 person shall be made prior to January **[15]** 9 of each presidential

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 year and prior to March 25 of every other year, and in no event  
2 shall more than two such unaffiliated persons serve at the same time  
3 on any district board.

4 (2) In making appointments of members of the several district  
5 boards of the county, the county board shall consult with the  
6 chairperson of the county committee of each of the two political  
7 parties referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection. On or before  
8 **【January 1】** December 20 of the year preceding each presidential  
9 year and on or before March 15 of every other year, the county  
10 board shall transmit to each of those chairpersons a list of those  
11 positions on the membership of the several district boards that are  
12 subject to apportionment under that paragraph (1) to the political  
13 party of which that chairperson is a member, and to which the  
14 county board has been unable to make an appointment from among  
15 qualified members of that political party. The county board shall  
16 include with each such list a request that the chairperson to whom  
17 that list is transmitted return to the board a list of the names of  
18 candidates for those unfilled positions. On or before **【January 1】**  
19 December 30 of the year preceding each presidential year and on or  
20 before March 25 of every other year, the county board shall, on the  
21 basis of the lists so returned to it, fill as many of the remaining  
22 unfilled positions in the membership of the several district boards as  
23 possible, and shall assign or reassign appointees as necessary to  
24 ensure that the membership of each district board within the county  
25 shall include at least one member of each of the two political  
26 parties. The county board shall then appoint to any unfilled  
27 position on a district board an otherwise qualified person who is  
28 unaffiliated with any political party.

29 b. In case the county board shall neglect, refuse or be unable to  
30 appoint and certify the members of the district boards as herein  
31 provided, the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court shall, before  
32 January **【25】** 15 of each presidential year or before April 10 of  
33 every other year, make such appointments and certifications.

34 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.6)

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36 4. R.S.19:6-18 is amended to read as follows:

37 19:6-18. During the 30-day period immediately preceding  
38 **【December 5】** November 25 of the year preceding each presidential  
39 year and February 15 of every other year, the chairman and vice-  
40 chairlady of each county committee and the State committeeman  
41 and State committeewoman of each of such two political parties,  
42 respectively shall meet and jointly, in writing, nominate one person  
43 residing in the county of such county committee chairman, duly  
44 qualified, for member of the county board in and for such county  
45 for the succeeding year, in the case of the presidential year.

46 If more than two members are elected to the State committee of  
47 any party from a county, the State committeeman and State  
48 committeewoman who shall participate in the process of nomination

1 shall be those holding full votes who received the greatest number  
2 of votes in their respective elections for members of the State  
3 committee.

4 If nomination be so made, the said county committee chairman  
5 shall certify the nomination so made to the State chairman and to  
6 the Governor, and the Governor shall commission such appointees,  
7 who shall be members of opposite parties, on or before **[January 1]**  
8 December 20 of the year preceding each presidential year or on or  
9 before March 1 in every other year, as the case may be. If  
10 nomination be not so made on account of a tie vote in the said  
11 meeting of the county committee chairman, county committee vice-  
12 chairlady, State committeeman and State committeewoman, in  
13 respect to such nomination, the said county committee chairman  
14 shall certify the fact of such a tie vote to the State chairman, who  
15 shall have the deciding vote and who shall certify, in writing, to the  
16 Governor, the nomination made by his deciding vote. Appointees  
17 to county boards of election pursuant to this section shall continue  
18 in office for 2 years from either **[January 1]** December 20 of the  
19 year preceding each presidential year or March 1, as the case may  
20 be, next after their appointment.

21 The first appointment having been made pursuant to law for  
22 terms of 1 and 2 years, respectively, the members subsequently  
23 appointed each year shall fill the offices of the appointees whose  
24 terms expire in that year.

25 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.8)

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27 5. R.S.19:6-22 is amended to read as follows:

28 19:6-22. a. (1) The county boards shall, at 10 a.m., on the  
29 **[second]** first Tuesday in January of each presidential year and on  
30 **[that same day]** the second Tuesday in March of every other year,  
31 or on such other day as they may agree on within the first **[15]** 5  
32 days in January or 15 days in March, as the case may be, in each  
33 year, meet at the courthouse, or other place as provided for, in their  
34 respective counties, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2)  
35 of this subsection, organize by electing one of their number to be  
36 chairman and one to be secretary; but the chairman and secretary  
37 shall not be members of the same political party.

38 (2) In case of failure to elect a chairman after three ballots or  
39 viva voce votes, the member having the greatest seniority on the  
40 board shall be the chairman thereof, except that if the member  
41 having the greatest seniority on the board so chooses, that member  
42 shall instead be secretary of the board; in the event that that senior  
43 member so chooses to become secretary, no election shall be held to  
44 choose a secretary of the board, the board shall elect one of its  
45 members who is not of the same political party as the secretary to  
46 be the chairman of the board, and in the case of a failure again to  
47 elect a chairman after three ballots or viva voce votes, the person

1 among those members having the greatest seniority on the board  
2 shall be the chairman thereof.

3 In any case of failure to elect a chairman, if two or more  
4 members of the board who are eligible to become chairman have  
5 greatest and equal seniority on the board, then the board shall, not  
6 later than the fifth day following the organization meeting, notify  
7 the Governor of an inability to fill the position of chairman either  
8 by election or on the basis of seniority, including in that notice a  
9 certification of the names of those senior members of the board. In  
10 addition, if the position of secretary has not otherwise been filled  
11 under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the board shall  
12 defer for the time being the election of a secretary. Not later than  
13 the fifth day following receipt of the notice, the Governor shall  
14 designate one of those senior members to be chairman of the board  
15 and certify that designation to the board. If the position of secretary  
16 was not filled at the initial meeting of the county board to organize,  
17 then not later than the fifth day following receipt of that  
18 certification, the board shall reconvene at the call of the chairman  
19 so designated and shall elect a secretary of the board.

20 In case of failure to elect a secretary after three ballots or viva  
21 voce votes, the member of the board having the greatest seniority  
22 shall be secretary of the board, except that if that member has  
23 become chairman because of election to that position or because of  
24 designation as a result of the failure to elect a chairman, the  
25 member with the next greatest seniority shall be secretary. In no  
26 case, however, shall the chairman and secretary be members of the  
27 same political party.

28 Seniority for the purposes of this section shall be determined by  
29 the total amount of time that a person has served as a member of the  
30 board, beginning from the date that that person took the oath of  
31 office as a member.

32 b. The boards shall have power in their discretion to hold their  
33 meetings for any purpose, except organization, in any part of their  
34 respective counties. Meetings may be called by either the chairman  
35 or the secretary of the board, or at the request of any two members.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.9)

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38 6. R.S.19:8-2 is amended to read as follows:

39 19:8-2. The clerk of every municipality, on or before January  
40 **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every  
41 other year shall certify to the county board of every county wherein  
42 such municipality is located a suggested list of places in the  
43 municipality suitable for polling places. The county board shall  
44 select the polling places for the election districts in the  
45 municipalities of the county for all elections in the municipalities  
46 thereof, including all commission government elections in the  
47 county. The county boards shall not be obliged to select the polling  
48 places so suggested by the municipal clerks, but may choose others

1 where they may deem it expedient. Preference in locations shall be  
2 given to schools and public buildings where space shall be made  
3 available by the authorities in charge, upon request, if same can be  
4 done without detrimental interruption of school or the usual public  
5 services thereof, and for which the authority in charge shall be  
6 reimbursed, by agreement, for expenses of light, janitorial and other  
7 attending services arising from such use. Each polling place  
8 selected shall be accessible to individuals with disabilities and the  
9 elderly. A polling place shall be considered accessible if it is in  
10 compliance with the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of  
11 1990" (42 U.S.C. s. 12101 et seq.). In no case shall the authorities  
12 in charge of a public school or other public building deny the  
13 request of the county board for the use, as a polling place, of any  
14 building they own or lease.

15 Where the county board shall fail to agree as to the selection of  
16 the polling place or places for any election district, within five days  
17 of an election, the county clerk shall select and designate the  
18 polling place or places in any such election district.

19 The county board may select a polling place other than a  
20 schoolhouse or public building outside of the district but such  
21 polling place shall not be located more than 1,000 feet distant from  
22 the boundary line of the district. The Attorney General may,  
23 however, permit a polling place to be more than 1,000 feet distant  
24 from the boundary line of the district if there is no suitable polling  
25 place accessible to individuals with disabilities and the elderly  
26 within the district or 1,000 feet distant from the boundary line of the  
27 district.

28 Whenever possible, the county board shall contact the managers  
29 or owners of commercial or private buildings that the board deems  
30 suitable to use as polling places, and are in or near an election  
31 district lacking an accessible polling place, to determine whether a  
32 portion of such a building may be used as a polling place on the day  
33 of an election. Reimbursement for the use of a portion of such a  
34 building shall be the same as provided by this section for schools  
35 and public buildings.

36 Neither the owner nor operator of a facility designated as a  
37 polling place by the county board is permitted or authorized to  
38 relocate the polling place room in the building without the express  
39 prior approval of the board.

40 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.1)

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42 7. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.4) is amended to read  
43 as follows:

44 4. No later than **February** ~~January~~ 15 of each presidential  
45 year and no later than May 15th of every other year, beginning with  
46 May 15 next following the enactment of P.L.2005, c.146, each  
47 Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, established pursuant to  
48 section 11 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.7) shall report to the

1 Attorney General and the county board of elections, on the form  
2 provided by the Attorney General, a list of all polling places in the  
3 county, specifying any found inaccessible. The committee shall  
4 indicate the reasons for inaccessibility, according to guidelines  
5 established in the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990"  
6 (42 U.S.C. s. 12101 et seq.), and shall consult with the county board  
7 of elections to determine the efforts made pursuant to P.L.1991,  
8 c.429 (C.19:8-3.1 et seq.) to locate alternative polling places or the  
9 actions needed to make the existing facilities accessible. Each  
10 county board of elections shall notify the Attorney General and the  
11 committee of any changes in polling place locations before the next  
12 general election, including any changes required due to the  
13 alteration of district boundaries.

14 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.6)

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16 8. R.S.19:8-4 is amended to read as follows:

17 19:8-4. The county board before **February** January 15 of each  
18 presidential year and May 15 of every other year shall certify a list  
19 of polling places so selected to the sheriff and to the clerk of the  
20 county and to the superintendent of elections of the county if any  
21 there be and to each municipal clerk in the county.

22 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.13)

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24 9. R.S.19:9-2 is amended to read as follows:

25 19:9-2. The Director of the Division of Elections shall prepare  
26 and distribute on or before January **10** 4 of each presidential year  
27 and on or before April 1 of every other year prior to the primary  
28 election for the general election and the general election such  
29 information as may be needed relative to election procedures for the  
30 ensuing year.

31 The county board of elections shall prepare and distribute on or  
32 before January **10** 4 of each presidential year and on or before  
33 April 1 of every other year, registration and voting instructions  
34 printed in at least 14-point type for conspicuous display at each  
35 polling place at any election.

36 All other books, ballots, envelopes and other blank forms which  
37 the county clerk is required to furnish under any other section of  
38 this Title, stationery and supplies for the primary election for the  
39 general election, the presidential primary election for delegates and  
40 alternates to national conventions and the general election, shall be  
41 furnished, prepared and distributed by the clerks of the various  
42 counties; except that all books, blank forms, stationery and supplies,  
43 articles and equipment which may be deemed necessary to be  
44 furnished, used or issued by the county board or superintendent  
45 shall be furnished, used or issued, prepared and distributed by such  
46 county board or superintendent, as the case may be.

47 The county board shall furnish and deliver to the county clerk,  
48 the municipal clerks and the district boards in municipalities having



1 more than one election district: a map or description of the district  
2 lines of their respective election districts, together with the street  
3 and house numbers where possible in such election districts and a  
4 list or map of all of the polling places within the county to assist  
5 any voter in identifying the correct location of the polling place at  
6 which the voter should vote if that voter erroneously reports to the  
7 municipal clerk or the wrong polling place.

8 Nothing in subtitle 2 of the Title, Municipalities and Counties  
9 (R.S.40:16-1 et seq.), shall in **anywise** any way be construed to  
10 affect, restrict, or abridge the powers conferred on the county  
11 clerks, county boards or superintendents by this Title.

12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.14)

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14 10. R.S.19:23-1 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:23-1. The chairman of the State committee of a political  
16 party shall, on or before March 1 in the year when a Governor is to  
17 be elected, notify in writing the chairman of each county committee  
18 of such party of the number of male or female members or members  
19 with less than one full vote to be elected from the county at the  
20 ensuing primary election for the general election, and each such  
21 chairman shall, on or before April 1 of such year, send a copy of  
22 such notice to the county clerk.

23 The chairman of each county committee shall also, on or before  
24 January **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of  
25 every other year, file with the clerks of the several municipalities  
26 the number of committeemen to be elected at the ensuing primary  
27 for the general election to the county committee.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.25)

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30 11. R.S.19:23-40 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:23-40. The presidential primary election shall be held for all  
32 political parties in each presidential year on the **[last]** first Tuesday  
33 next after the first Monday in February.

34 The primary election for the general election shall be held for all  
35 political parties upon the Tuesday next after the first Monday in  
36 June.

37 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00 A.M.  
38 and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time and shall be held for all political  
39 parties in the same places as hereinbefore provided for the ensuing  
40 general election.

41 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.27)

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43 12. R.S.19:24-1 is amended to read as follows:

44 19:24-1. In every year in which presidential primary elections  
45 are to be held as herein provided for the election of delegates and  
46 alternates to the national conventions of political parties, including  
47 any national mid-term convention or conference of a political party,  
48 the chairman of the State committee of each political party shall

1 notify the Attorney General, on or before ~~January 1~~ December 20  
2 of that preceding year, of the number of delegates-at-large and the  
3 number of alternates-at-large to be elected to the next national  
4 convention of such party by the voters of the party throughout the  
5 State, and also of the number of delegates and alternates to be  
6 chosen to such convention in the respective congressional districts  
7 or other territorial subdivisions of the State as mentioned in such  
8 notification.

9 If the State chairmen, or either of them, shall fail to file notice,  
10 the Attorney General shall ascertain such facts from the call for its  
11 national convention issued by the National or State committee.

12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.34)

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14 13. R.S.19:24-2 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:24-2. The Attorney General shall, on or before December 20  
16 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
17 ~~that~~ every other year, as the case may be, certify to the county  
18 clerk and county board of each county the number of delegates and  
19 alternates-at-large to be chosen by each such party and the number  
20 of delegates and alternates to be chosen in each congressional  
21 district or other territorial subdivision of the State, composed in  
22 whole or in part of the county of such county clerk.

23 Any provisions of this Title which pertain particularly to any  
24 election or to the general election or to the primary election for the  
25 general election shall apply to the presidential primary election for  
26 delegates and alternates to national conventions insofar as they are  
27 not inconsistent with the special provisions of this Title pertaining  
28 to the presidential primary election for delegates and alternates to  
29 national conventions.

30 Notwithstanding any provision of this Title, national and State  
31 party rules shall govern the selection of delegates and alternates to  
32 national party conventions, provided the State chairman of the  
33 political party notifies the Attorney General prior to December 20  
34 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
35 ~~the~~ every other year, as the case may be, in which delegates and  
36 alternates are elected of the applicable party rules governing the  
37 delegate selection process. The Attorney General shall notify the  
38 county clerks prior to December 20 of the year preceding each  
39 presidential election or January 10 of ~~the~~ every other year, as the  
40 case may be, in which delegates and alternates are elected of the  
41 applicable party rules, if any, which apply to matters within their  
42 jurisdiction. Pursuant to this section, the Attorney General shall  
43 issue to the county clerks uniform regulations governing the  
44 delegate selection process.

45 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.35)

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47 14. R.S.19:31-16 is amended to read as follows:

1 19:31-16. a. The health officer or other officer in charge of  
2 records of death in each municipality shall file with the  
3 commissioner of registration for the county in which the  
4 municipality is located once each month, during the first five days  
5 thereof, the age, date of death, and the names and addresses of all  
6 persons 18 years of age or older who have died within such  
7 municipality during the previous month. Within 30 days after the  
8 receipt of such list, the commissioner shall make and complete such  
9 investigation as is necessary to establish to his satisfaction that such  
10 deceased person is registered as a voter in the county. If such fact  
11 is so established, the commissioner shall cause the registration and  
12 record of voting forms of the deceased registrant to be transferred to  
13 the death file as soon as possible. If the deceased person was not so  
14 registered in the county, but the person maintained a residence in  
15 another county of this State, the officer in charge of records of  
16 death in the municipality in which the decedent died shall forward a  
17 copy of the notice of death to the officer in charge of records of  
18 death in the municipality in which the decedent resided. That  
19 officer having received the notice shall notify the commissioner of  
20 the county in which that municipality is located of the death of the  
21 person. Any commissioner who receives such notification shall  
22 undertake the procedures prescribed herein with respect to the  
23 registration in that county of the decedent.

24 b. The State registrar of vital statistics shall file with the  
25 commissioner of registration of each county no later than January  
26 **[15] 2** of each presidential year and no later than May 1 of every  
27 other year an alphabetized list of the name, address, and date of  
28 birth, if available, of each resident of the county 18 years of age or  
29 older who died during the previous year. Within 30 days after the  
30 receipt of the list the commissioner shall undertake and complete  
31 such investigation as is necessary to establish that each person on  
32 the list is not registered as a voter in the county. The commissioner  
33 shall cause the registration and record of voting forms of any  
34 deceased registrant found on the list to be transferred to the death  
35 file as soon as possible.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.43)

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38 15. Section 2 of P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-2) is amended to read  
39 as follows:

40 2. a. The board of education of a type II district may call a  
41 special election of the legal voters of the district on only the fourth  
42 Tuesday in January**], the second Tuesday in March]** other than in a  
43 year when a presidential primary election occurs, in which case no  
44 such election on that date may be called, the second Tuesday in  
45 March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in  
46 December when in its judgment the interests of the schools require  
47 such an election. The board of education shall give the municipal  
48 clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of

1 elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to  
2 hold a special election.

3 b. No business shall be transacted at any special election except  
4 such as shall have been set forth in the notices by which the election  
5 was called.

6 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.60)

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8 16. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill changes the date of the presidential primary election  
14 from the last Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday next after the  
15 first Monday in February.

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20 Changes date of presidential primary from last Tuesday in  
21 February to first Tuesday after first Monday in February.

# SENATE, No. 2193

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1 AN ACT changing the date of presidential primary elections and  
2 amending various parts of the statutory law.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the  
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.19:2-1 is amended to read as follows:

8 19:2-1. Presidential primary elections for delegates and  
9 alternates to national conventions of political parties shall be held in  
10 each presidential year on the **[last]** Tuesday next after the first  
11 Monday in February.

12 Primary elections for the general election shall be held in each  
13 year on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in June.

14 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00  
15 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time. Primary elections for special  
16 elections shall be held not earlier than 30 nor later than 20 days  
17 prior to the special elections.

18 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.2)

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20 2. R.S.19:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

21 19:3-3. Delegates and alternates to the national conventions of  
22 the political parties held in each presidential year shall be elected at  
23 the presidential primary election to be held on the **[last]** Tuesday  
24 next after the first Monday in February in that year.

25 The members of State, county and municipal committees of the  
26 political parties shall be chosen at the primary for the general  
27 election as hereinafter provided.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.3)

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30 3. R.S.19:6-3 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:6-3. a. (1) The county board shall, on or before January **[10]**  
32 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every other  
33 year, appoint the members of the district boards in the manner  
34 prescribed by paragraph (2) of this subsection. The members of any  
35 district board shall be equally apportioned between the two political  
36 parties which at the last preceding general election held for the  
37 election of all of the members of the General Assembly cast the  
38 largest and next largest number of votes respectively in this State  
39 for members of the General Assembly, except that if the county  
40 board is unable to fill all of the positions of the members of a  
41 particular district board from among qualified members of those  
42 two political parties, the county board shall appoint to any such  
43 unfilled position an otherwise qualified person who is unaffiliated  
44 with any political party, but no such appointment of an unaffiliated  
45 person shall be made prior to January **[15]** 9 of each presidential

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 year and prior to March 25 of every other year, and in no event  
2 shall more than two such unaffiliated persons serve at the same time  
3 on any district board.

4 (2) In making appointments of members of the several district  
5 boards of the county, the county board shall consult with the  
6 chairperson of the county committee of each of the two political  
7 parties referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection. On or before  
8 **【January 1】** December 20 of the year preceding each presidential  
9 year and on or before March 15 of every other year, the county  
10 board shall transmit to each of those chairpersons a list of those  
11 positions on the membership of the several district boards that are  
12 subject to apportionment under that paragraph (1) to the political  
13 party of which that chairperson is a member, and to which the  
14 county board has been unable to make an appointment from among  
15 qualified members of that political party. The county board shall  
16 include with each such list a request that the chairperson to whom  
17 that list is transmitted return to the board a list of the names of  
18 candidates for those unfilled positions. On or before **【January 1】**  
19 December 30 of the year preceding each presidential year and on or  
20 before March 25 of every other year, the county board shall, on the  
21 basis of the lists so returned to it, fill as many of the remaining  
22 unfilled positions in the membership of the several district boards as  
23 possible, and shall assign or reassign appointees as necessary to  
24 ensure that the membership of each district board within the county  
25 shall include at least one member of each of the two political  
26 parties. The county board shall then appoint to any unfilled  
27 position on a district board an otherwise qualified person who is  
28 unaffiliated with any political party.

29 b. In case the county board shall neglect, refuse or be unable to  
30 appoint and certify the members of the district boards as herein  
31 provided, the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court shall, before  
32 January **【25】** 15 of each presidential year or before April 10 of  
33 every other year, make such appointments and certifications.

34 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.6)

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36 4. R.S.19:6-18 is amended to read as follows:

37 19:6-18. During the 30-day period immediately preceding  
38 **【December 5】** November 25 of the year preceding each presidential  
39 year and February 15 of every other year, the chairman and vice-  
40 chairlady of each county committee and the State committeeman  
41 and State committeewoman of each of such two political parties,  
42 respectively shall meet and jointly, in writing, nominate one person  
43 residing in the county of such county committee chairman, duly  
44 qualified, for member of the county board in and for such county  
45 for the succeeding year, in the case of the presidential year.

46 If more than two members are elected to the State committee of  
47 any party from a county, the State committeeman and State  
48 committeewoman who shall participate in the process of nomination

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1 shall be those holding full votes who received the greatest number  
2 of votes in their respective elections for members of the State  
3 committee.

4 If nomination be so made, the said county committee chairman  
5 shall certify the nomination so made to the State chairman and to  
6 the Governor, and the Governor shall commission such appointees,  
7 who shall be members of opposite parties, on or before **[January 1]**  
8 December 20 of the year preceding each presidential year or on or  
9 before March 1 in every other year, as the case may be. If  
10 nomination be not so made on account of a tie vote in the said  
11 meeting of the county committee chairman, county committee vice-  
12 chairlady, State committeeman and State committeewoman, in  
13 respect to such nomination, the said county committee chairman  
14 shall certify the fact of such a tie vote to the State chairman, who  
15 shall have the deciding vote and who shall certify, in writing, to the  
16 Governor, the nomination made by his deciding vote. Appointees  
17 to county boards of election pursuant to this section shall continue  
18 in office for 2 years from either **[January 1]** December 20 of the  
19 year preceding each presidential year or March 1, as the case may  
20 be, next after their appointment.

21 The first appointment having been made pursuant to law for  
22 terms of 1 and 2 years, respectively, the members subsequently  
23 appointed each year shall fill the offices of the appointees whose  
24 terms expire in that year.

25 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.8)

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27 5. R.S.19:6-22 is amended to read as follows:

28 19:6-22. a. (1) The county boards shall, at 10 a.m., on the  
29 **[second]** first Tuesday in January of each presidential year and on  
30 **[that same day]** the second Tuesday in March of every other year,  
31 or on such other day as they may agree on within the first **[15]** 5  
32 days in January or 15 days in March, as the case may be, in each  
33 year, meet at the courthouse, or other place as provided for, in their  
34 respective counties, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2)  
35 of this subsection, organize by electing one of their number to be  
36 chairman and one to be secretary; but the chairman and secretary  
37 shall not be members of the same political party.

38 (2) In case of failure to elect a chairman after three ballots or  
39 viva voce votes, the member having the greatest seniority on the  
40 board shall be the chairman thereof, except that if the member  
41 having the greatest seniority on the board so chooses, that member  
42 shall instead be secretary of the board; in the event that that senior  
43 member so chooses to become secretary, no election shall be held to  
44 choose a secretary of the board, the board shall elect one of its  
45 members who is not of the same political party as the secretary to  
46 be the chairman of the board, and in the case of a failure again to  
47 elect a chairman after three ballots or viva voce votes, the person



1 among those members having the greatest seniority on the board  
2 shall be the chairman thereof.

3 In any case of failure to elect a chairman, if two or more  
4 members of the board who are eligible to become chairman have  
5 greatest and equal seniority on the board, then the board shall, not  
6 later than the fifth day following the organization meeting, notify  
7 the Governor of an inability to fill the position of chairman either  
8 by election or on the basis of seniority, including in that notice a  
9 certification of the names of those senior members of the board. In  
10 addition, if the position of secretary has not otherwise been filled  
11 under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the board shall  
12 defer for the time being the election of a secretary. Not later than  
13 the fifth day following receipt of the notice, the Governor shall  
14 designate one of those senior members to be chairman of the board  
15 and certify that designation to the board. If the position of secretary  
16 was not filled at the initial meeting of the county board to organize,  
17 then not later than the fifth day following receipt of that  
18 certification, the board shall reconvene at the call of the chairman  
19 so designated and shall elect a secretary of the board.

20 In case of failure to elect a secretary after three ballots or viva  
21 voce votes, the member of the board having the greatest seniority  
22 shall be secretary of the board, except that if that member has  
23 become chairman because of election to that position or because of  
24 designation as a result of the failure to elect a chairman, the  
25 member with the next greatest seniority shall be secretary. In no  
26 case, however, shall the chairman and secretary be members of the  
27 same political party.

28 Seniority for the purposes of this section shall be determined by  
29 the total amount of time that a person has served as a member of the  
30 board, beginning from the date that that person took the oath of  
31 office as a member.

32 b. The boards shall have power in their discretion to hold their  
33 meetings for any purpose, except organization, in any part of their  
34 respective counties. Meetings may be called by either the chairman  
35 or the secretary of the board, or at the request of any two members.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.9)

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38 6. R.S.19:8-2 is amended to read as follows:

39 19:8-2. The clerk of every municipality, on or before January  
40 **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every  
41 other year shall certify to the county board of every county wherein  
42 such municipality is located a suggested list of places in the  
43 municipality suitable for polling places. The county board shall  
44 select the polling places for the election districts in the  
45 municipalities of the county for all elections in the municipalities  
46 thereof, including all commission government elections in the  
47 county. The county boards shall not be obliged to select the polling  
48 places so suggested by the municipal clerks, but may choose others

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1 where they may deem it expedient. Preference in locations shall be  
2 given to schools and public buildings where space shall be made  
3 available by the authorities in charge, upon request, if same can be  
4 done without detrimental interruption of school or the usual public  
5 services thereof, and for which the authority in charge shall be  
6 reimbursed, by agreement, for expenses of light, janitorial and other  
7 attending services arising from such use. Each polling place  
8 selected shall be accessible to individuals with disabilities and the  
9 elderly. A polling place shall be considered accessible if it is in  
10 compliance with the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of  
11 1990" (42 U.S.C. s. 12101 et seq.). In no case shall the authorities  
12 in charge of a public school or other public building deny the  
13 request of the county board for the use, as a polling place, of any  
14 building they own or lease.

15 Where the county board shall fail to agree as to the selection of  
16 the polling place or places for any election district, within five days  
17 of an election, the county clerk shall select and designate the  
18 polling place or places in any such election district.

19 The county board may select a polling place other than a  
20 schoolhouse or public building outside of the district but such  
21 polling place shall not be located more than 1,000 feet distant from  
22 the boundary line of the district. The Attorney General may,  
23 however, permit a polling place to be more than 1,000 feet distant  
24 from the boundary line of the district if there is no suitable polling  
25 place accessible to individuals with disabilities and the elderly  
26 within the district or 1,000 feet distant from the boundary line of the  
27 district.

28 Whenever possible, the county board shall contact the managers  
29 or owners of commercial or private buildings that the board deems  
30 suitable to use as polling places, and are in or near an election  
31 district lacking an accessible polling place, to determine whether a  
32 portion of such a building may be used as a polling place on the day  
33 of an election. Reimbursement for the use of a portion of such a  
34 building shall be the same as provided by this section for schools  
35 and public buildings.

36 Neither the owner nor operator of a facility designated as a  
37 polling place by the county board is permitted or authorized to  
38 relocate the polling place room in the building without the express  
39 prior approval of the board.

40 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.1)

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42 7. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.4) is amended to read  
43 as follows:

44 4. No later than **February** ~~January~~ 15 of each presidential  
45 year and no later than May 15th of every other year, beginning with  
46 May 15 next following the enactment of P.L.2005, c.146, each  
47 Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee, established pursuant to  
48 section 11 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.7) shall report to the

1 Attorney General and the county board of elections, on the form  
2 provided by the Attorney General, a list of all polling places in the  
3 county, specifying any found inaccessible. The committee shall  
4 indicate the reasons for inaccessibility, according to guidelines  
5 established in the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990"  
6 (42 U.S.C. s. 12101 et seq.), and shall consult with the county board  
7 of elections to determine the efforts made pursuant to P.L.1991,  
8 c.429 (C.19:8-3.1 et seq.) to locate alternative polling places or the  
9 actions needed to make the existing facilities accessible. Each  
10 county board of elections shall notify the Attorney General and the  
11 committee of any changes in polling place locations before the next  
12 general election, including any changes required due to the  
13 alteration of district boundaries.

14 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.6)

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16 8. R.S.19:8-4 is amended to read as follows:

17 19:8-4. The county board before ~~February~~ January 15 of each  
18 presidential year and May 15 of every other year shall certify a list  
19 of polling places so selected to the sheriff and to the clerk of the  
20 county and to the superintendent of elections of the county if any  
21 there be and to each municipal clerk in the county.

22 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.13)

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24 9. R.S.19:9-2 is amended to read as follows:

25 19:9-2. The Director of the Division of Elections shall prepare  
26 and distribute on or before January ~~10~~ 4 of each presidential year  
27 and on or before April 1 of every other year prior to the primary  
28 election for the general election and the general election such  
29 information as may be needed relative to election procedures for the  
30 ensuing year.

31 The county board of elections shall prepare and distribute on or  
32 before January ~~10~~ 4 of each presidential year and on or before  
33 April 1 of every other year, registration and voting instructions  
34 printed in at least 14-point type for conspicuous display at each  
35 polling place at any election.

36 All other books, ballots, envelopes and other blank forms which  
37 the county clerk is required to furnish under any other section of  
38 this Title, stationery and supplies for the primary election for the  
39 general election, the presidential primary election for delegates and  
40 alternates to national conventions and the general election, shall be  
41 furnished, prepared and distributed by the clerks of the various  
42 counties; except that all books, blank forms, stationery and supplies,  
43 articles and equipment which may be deemed necessary to be  
44 furnished, used or issued by the county board or superintendent  
45 shall be furnished, used or issued, prepared and distributed by such  
46 county board or superintendent, as the case may be.

47 The county board shall furnish and deliver to the county clerk,  
48 the municipal clerks and the district boards in municipalities having

1 more than one election district: a map or description of the district  
2 lines of their respective election districts, together with the street  
3 and house numbers where possible in such election districts and a  
4 list or map of all of the polling places within the county to assist  
5 any voter in identifying the correct location of the polling place at  
6 which the voter should vote if that voter erroneously reports to the  
7 municipal clerk or the wrong polling place.

8 Nothing in subtitle 2 of the Title, Municipalities and Counties  
9 (R.S.40:16-1 et seq.), shall in **anywise** any way be construed to  
10 affect, restrict, or abridge the powers conferred on the county  
11 clerks, county boards or superintendents by this Title.

12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.14)

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14 10. R.S.19:23-1 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:23-1. The chairman of the State committee of a political  
16 party shall, on or before March 1 in the year when a Governor is to  
17 be elected, notify in writing the chairman of each county committee  
18 of such party of the number of male or female members or members  
19 with less than one full vote to be elected from the county at the  
20 ensuing primary election for the general election, and each such  
21 chairman shall, on or before April 1 of such year, send a copy of  
22 such notice to the county clerk.

23 The chairman of each county committee shall also, on or before  
24 January **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of  
25 every other year, file with the clerks of the several municipalities  
26 the number of committeemen to be elected at the ensuing primary  
27 for the general election to the county committee.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.25)

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30 11. R.S.19:23-40 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:23-40. The presidential primary election shall be held for all  
32 political parties in each presidential year on the **[last]** first Tuesday  
33 next after the first Monday in February.

34 The primary election for the general election shall be held for all  
35 political parties upon the Tuesday next after the first Monday in  
36 June.

37 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00 A.M.  
38 and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time and shall be held for all political  
39 parties in the same places as hereinbefore provided for the ensuing  
40 general election.

41 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.27)

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43 12. R.S.19:24-1 is amended to read as follows:

44 19:24-1. In every year in which presidential primary elections  
45 are to be held as herein provided for the election of delegates and  
46 alternates to the national conventions of political parties, including  
47 any national mid-term convention or conference of a political party,  
48 the chairman of the State committee of each political party shall

1 notify the Attorney General, on or before ~~January 1~~ December 20  
2 of that preceding year, of the number of delegates-at-large and the  
3 number of alternates-at-large to be elected to the next national  
4 convention of such party by the voters of the party throughout the  
5 State, and also of the number of delegates and alternates to be  
6 chosen to such convention in the respective congressional districts  
7 or other territorial subdivisions of the State as mentioned in such  
8 notification.

9 If the State chairmen, or either of them, shall fail to file notice,  
10 the Attorney General shall ascertain such facts from the call for its  
11 national convention issued by the National or State committee.

12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.34)

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14 13. R.S.19:24-2 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:24-2. The Attorney General shall, on or before December 20  
16 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
17 ~~that~~ every other year, as the case may be, certify to the county  
18 clerk and county board of each county the number of delegates and  
19 alternates-at-large to be chosen by each such party and the number  
20 of delegates and alternates to be chosen in each congressional  
21 district or other territorial subdivision of the State, composed in  
22 whole or in part of the county of such county clerk.

23 Any provisions of this Title which pertain particularly to any  
24 election or to the general election or to the primary election for the  
25 general election shall apply to the presidential primary election for  
26 delegates and alternates to national conventions insofar as they are  
27 not inconsistent with the special provisions of this Title pertaining  
28 to the presidential primary election for delegates and alternates to  
29 national conventions.

30 Notwithstanding any provision of this Title, national and State  
31 party rules shall govern the selection of delegates and alternates to  
32 national party conventions, provided the State chairman of the  
33 political party notifies the Attorney General prior to December 20  
34 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
35 ~~the~~ every other year, as the case may be, in which delegates and  
36 alternates are elected of the applicable party rules governing the  
37 delegate selection process. The Attorney General shall notify the  
38 county clerks prior to December 20 of the year preceding each  
39 presidential election or January 10 of ~~the~~ every other year, as the  
40 case may be, in which delegates and alternates are elected of the  
41 applicable party rules, if any, which apply to matters within their  
42 jurisdiction. Pursuant to this section, the Attorney General shall  
43 issue to the county clerks uniform regulations governing the  
44 delegate selection process.

45 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.35)

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47 14. R.S.19:31-16 is amended to read as follows:

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1 19:31-16. a. The health officer or other officer in charge of  
2 records of death in each municipality shall file with the  
3 commissioner of registration for the county in which the  
4 municipality is located once each month, during the first five days  
5 thereof, the age, date of death, and the names and addresses of all  
6 persons 18 years of age or older who have died within such  
7 municipality during the previous month. Within 30 days after the  
8 receipt of such list, the commissioner shall make and complete such  
9 investigation as is necessary to establish to his satisfaction that such  
10 deceased person is registered as a voter in the county. If such fact  
11 is so established, the commissioner shall cause the registration and  
12 record of voting forms of the deceased registrant to be transferred to  
13 the death file as soon as possible. If the deceased person was not so  
14 registered in the county, but the person maintained a residence in  
15 another county of this State, the officer in charge of records of  
16 death in the municipality in which the decedent died shall forward a  
17 copy of the notice of death to the officer in charge of records of  
18 death in the municipality in which the decedent resided. That  
19 officer having received the notice shall notify the commissioner of  
20 the county in which that municipality is located of the death of the  
21 person. Any commissioner who receives such notification shall  
22 undertake the procedures prescribed herein with respect to the  
23 registration in that county of the decedent.

24 b. The State registrar of vital statistics shall file with the  
25 commissioner of registration of each county no later than January  
26 **[15] 2** of each presidential year and no later than May 1 of every  
27 other year an alphabetized list of the name, address, and date of  
28 birth, if available, of each resident of the county 18 years of age or  
29 older who died during the previous year. Within 30 days after the  
30 receipt of the list the commissioner shall undertake and complete  
31 such investigation as is necessary to establish that each person on  
32 the list is not registered as a voter in the county. The commissioner  
33 shall cause the registration and record of voting forms of any  
34 deceased registrant found on the list to be transferred to the death  
35 file as soon as possible.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.43)

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38 15. Section 2 of P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-2) is amended to read  
39 as follows:

40 2. a. The board of education of a type II district may call a  
41 special election of the legal voters of the district on only the fourth  
42 Tuesday in January**[, the second Tuesday in March]** other than in a  
43 year when a presidential primary election occurs, in which case no  
44 such election on that date may be called, the second Tuesday in  
45 March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in  
46 December when in its judgment the interests of the schools require  
47 such an election. The board of education shall give the municipal  
48 clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of

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1 elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to  
2 hold a special election.

3 b. No business shall be transacted at any special election except  
4 such as shall have been set forth in the notices by which the election  
5 was called.

6 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.60)

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8 16. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**STATEMENT**

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13 This bill changes the date of the presidential primary election  
14 from the last Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday next after the  
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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2193.

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Senate Bill No. 2193 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4010 of 2007.



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Under current law, the date for the presidential primary is the last Tuesday in February. This bill does not effect the date of the regular primary election, which continues to be the Tuesday next after the first Monday in June.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4010**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**212th LEGISLATURE**

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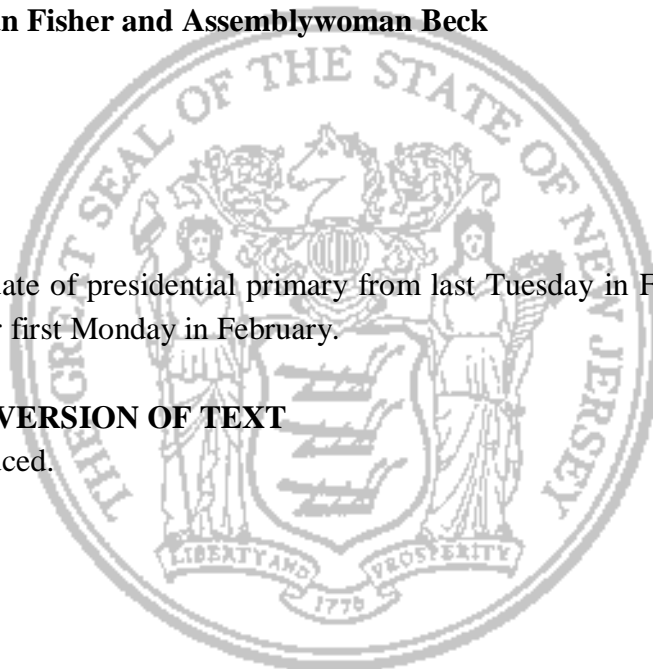
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11 Monday in February.

12 Primary elections for the general election shall be held in each  
13 year on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in June.

14 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00 A.M.  
15 and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time. Primary elections for special  
16 elections shall be held not earlier than 30 nor later than 20 days  
17 prior to the special elections.

18 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.2)

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20 2. R.S.19:3-3 is amended to read as follows:

21 19:3-3. Delegates and alternates to the national conventions of  
22 the political parties held in each presidential year shall be elected at  
23 the presidential primary election to be held on the **[last]** Tuesday  
24 next after the first Monday in February in that year.

25 The members of State, county and municipal committees of the  
26 political parties shall be chosen at the primary for the general  
27 election as hereinafter provided.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.3)

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30 3. R.S.19:6-3 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:6-3. a. (1) The county board shall, on or before January  
32 **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every  
33 other year, appoint the members of the district boards in the manner  
34 prescribed by paragraph (2) of this subsection. The members of any  
35 district board shall be equally apportioned between the two political  
36 parties which at the last preceding general election held for the  
37 election of all of the members of the General Assembly cast the  
38 largest and next largest number of votes respectively in this State  
39 for members of the General Assembly, except that if the county  
40 board is unable to fill all of the positions of the members of a  
41 particular district board from among qualified members of those  
42 two political parties, the county board shall appoint to any such  
43 unfilled position an otherwise qualified person who is unaffiliated  
44 with any political party, but no such appointment of an unaffiliated  
45 person shall be made prior to January **[15]** 9 of each presidential

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 year and prior to March 25 of every other year, and in no event  
2 shall more than two such unaffiliated persons serve at the same time  
3 on any district board.

4 (2) In making appointments of members of the several district  
5 boards of the county, the county board shall consult with the  
6 chairperson of the county committee of each of the two political  
7 parties referred to in paragraph (1) of this subsection. On or before  
8 **【January 1】** December 20 of the year preceding each presidential  
9 year and on or before March 15 of every other year, the county  
10 board shall transmit to each of those chairpersons a list of those  
11 positions on the membership of the several district boards that are  
12 subject to apportionment under that paragraph (1) to the political  
13 party of which that chairperson is a member, and to which the  
14 county board has been unable to make an appointment from among  
15 qualified members of that political party. The county board shall  
16 include with each such list a request that the chairperson to whom  
17 that list is transmitted return to the board a list of the names of  
18 candidates for those unfilled positions. On or before **【January 1】**  
19 December 30 of the year preceding each presidential year and on or  
20 before March 25 of every other year, the county board shall, on the  
21 basis of the lists so returned to it, fill as many of the remaining  
22 unfilled positions in the membership of the several district boards as  
23 possible, and shall assign or reassign appointees as necessary to  
24 ensure that the membership of each district board within the county  
25 shall include at least one member of each of the two political  
26 parties. The county board shall then appoint to any unfilled  
27 position on a district board an otherwise qualified person who is  
28 unaffiliated with any political party.

29 b. In case the county board shall neglect, refuse or be unable to  
30 appoint and certify the members of the district boards as herein  
31 provided, the Assignment Judge of the Superior Court shall, before  
32 January **【25】** 15 of each presidential year or before April 10 of  
33 every other year, make such appointments and certifications.

34 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.6)

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36 4. R.S.19:6-18 is amended to read as follows:

37 19:6-18. During the 30-day period immediately preceding  
38 **【December 5】** November 25 of the year preceding each presidential  
39 year and February 15 of every other year, the chairman and vice-  
40 chairlady of each county committee and the State committeeman  
41 and State committeewoman of each of such two political parties,  
42 respectively shall meet and jointly, in writing, nominate one person  
43 residing in the county of such county committee chairman, duly  
44 qualified, for member of the county board in and for such county  
45 for the succeeding year, in the case of the presidential year.

46 If more than two members are elected to the State committee of  
47 any party from a county, the State committeeman and State  
48 committeewoman who shall participate in the process of nomination

1 shall be those holding full votes who received the greatest number  
2 of votes in their respective elections for members of the State  
3 committee.

4 If nomination be so made, the said county committee chairman  
5 shall certify the nomination so made to the State chairman and to  
6 the Governor, and the Governor shall commission such appointees,  
7 who shall be members of opposite parties, on or before **[January 1]**  
8 December 20 of the year preceding each presidential year or on or  
9 before March 1 in every other year, as the case may be. If  
10 nomination be not so made on account of a tie vote in the said  
11 meeting of the county committee chairman, county committee vice-  
12 chairlady, State committeeman and State committeewoman, in  
13 respect to such nomination, the said county committee chairman  
14 shall certify the fact of such a tie vote to the State chairman, who  
15 shall have the deciding vote and who shall certify, in writing, to the  
16 Governor, the nomination made by his deciding vote. Appointees  
17 to county boards of election pursuant to this section shall continue  
18 in office for 2 years from either **[January 1]** December 20 of the  
19 year preceding each presidential year or March 1, as the case may  
20 be, next after their appointment.

21 The first appointment having been made pursuant to law for  
22 terms of 1 and 2 years, respectively, the members subsequently  
23 appointed each year shall fill the offices of the appointees whose  
24 terms expire in that year.

25 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.8)

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27 5. R.S.19:6-22 is amended to read as follows:

28 19:6-22. a. (1) The county boards shall, at 10 a.m., on the  
29 **[second]** first Tuesday in January of each presidential year and on  
30 **[that same day]** the second Tuesday in March of every other year,  
31 or on such other day as they may agree on within the first **[15]** 5  
32 days in January or 15 days in March, as the case may be, in each  
33 year, meet at the courthouse, or other place as provided for, in their  
34 respective counties, and, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2)  
35 of this subsection, organize by electing one of their number to be  
36 chairman and one to be secretary; but the chairman and secretary  
37 shall not be members of the same political party.

38 (2) In case of failure to elect a chairman after three ballots or  
39 viva voce votes, the member having the greatest seniority on the  
40 board shall be the chairman thereof, except that if the member  
41 having the greatest seniority on the board so chooses, that member  
42 shall instead be secretary of the board; in the event that that senior  
43 member so chooses to become secretary, no election shall be held to  
44 choose a secretary of the board, the board shall elect one of its  
45 members who is not of the same political party as the secretary to  
46 be the chairman of the board, and in the case of a failure again to  
47 elect a chairman after three ballots or viva voce votes, the person

1 among those members having the greatest seniority on the board  
2 shall be the chairman thereof.

3 In any case of failure to elect a chairman, if two or more  
4 members of the board who are eligible to become chairman have  
5 greatest and equal seniority on the board, then the board shall, not  
6 later than the fifth day following the organization meeting, notify  
7 the Governor of an inability to fill the position of chairman either  
8 by election or on the basis of seniority, including in that notice a  
9 certification of the names of those senior members of the board. In  
10 addition, if the position of secretary has not otherwise been filled  
11 under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the board shall  
12 defer for the time being the election of a secretary. Not later than  
13 the fifth day following receipt of the notice, the Governor shall  
14 designate one of those senior members to be chairman of the board  
15 and certify that designation to the board. If the position of secretary  
16 was not filled at the initial meeting of the county board to organize,  
17 then not later than the fifth day following receipt of that  
18 certification, the board shall reconvene at the call of the chairman  
19 so designated and shall elect a secretary of the board.

20 In case of failure to elect a secretary after three ballots or viva  
21 voce votes, the member of the board having the greatest seniority  
22 shall be secretary of the board, except that if that member has  
23 become chairman because of election to that position or because of  
24 designation as a result of the failure to elect a chairman, the  
25 member with the next greatest seniority shall be secretary. In no  
26 case, however, shall the chairman and secretary be members of the  
27 same political party.

28 Seniority for the purposes of this section shall be determined by  
29 the total amount of time that a person has served as a member of the  
30 board, beginning from the date that that person took the oath of  
31 office as a member.

32 b. The boards shall have power in their discretion to hold their  
33 meetings for any purpose, except organization, in any part of their  
34 respective counties. Meetings may be called by either the chairman  
35 or the secretary of the board, or at the request of any two members.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.9)

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38 6. R.S.19:8-2 is amended to read as follows:

39 19:8-2. The clerk of every municipality, on or before January  
40 **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of every  
41 other year shall certify to the county board of every county wherein  
42 such municipality is located a suggested list of places in the  
43 municipality suitable for polling places. The county board shall  
44 select the polling places for the election districts in the  
45 municipalities of the county for all elections in the municipalities  
46 thereof, including all commission government elections in the  
47 county. The county boards shall not be obliged to select the polling  
48 places so suggested by the municipal clerks, but may choose others

1 where they may deem it expedient. Preference in locations shall be  
2 given to schools and public buildings where space shall be made  
3 available by the authorities in charge, upon request, if same can be  
4 done without detrimental interruption of school or the usual public  
5 services thereof, and for which the authority in charge shall be  
6 reimbursed, by agreement, for expenses of light, janitorial and other  
7 attending services arising from such use. Each polling place  
8 selected shall be accessible to individuals with disabilities and the  
9 elderly. A polling place shall be considered accessible if it is in  
10 compliance with the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of  
11 1990" (42 U.S.C. s. 12101 et seq.). In no case shall the authorities  
12 in charge of a public school or other public building deny the  
13 request of the county board for the use, as a polling place, of any  
14 building they own or lease.

15 Where the county board shall fail to agree as to the selection of  
16 the polling place or places for any election district, within five days  
17 of an election, the county clerk shall select and designate the  
18 polling place or places in any such election district.

19 The county board may select a polling place other than a  
20 schoolhouse or public building outside of the district but such  
21 polling place shall not be located more than 1,000 feet distant from  
22 the boundary line of the district. The Attorney General may,  
23 however, permit a polling place to be more than 1,000 feet distant  
24 from the boundary line of the district if there is no suitable polling  
25 place accessible to individuals with disabilities and the elderly  
26 within the district or 1,000 feet distant from the boundary line of the  
27 district.

28 Whenever possible, the county board shall contact the managers  
29 or owners of commercial or private buildings that the board deems  
30 suitable to use as polling places, and are in or near an election  
31 district lacking an accessible polling place, to determine whether a  
32 portion of such a building may be used as a polling place on the day  
33 of an election. Reimbursement for the use of a portion of such a  
34 building shall be the same as provided by this section for schools  
35 and public buildings.

36 Neither the owner nor operator of a facility designated as a  
37 polling place by the county board is permitted or authorized to  
38 relocate the polling place room in the building without the express  
39 prior approval of the board.

40 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.1)

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42 7. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.4) is amended to read  
43 as follows:

44 4. No later than **February** January 15 of each presidential year  
45 and no later than May 15th of every other year, beginning with May  
46 15 next following the enactment of P.L.2005, c.146, each Voting  
47 Accessibility Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section  
48 11 of P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-3.7) shall report to the Attorney

1 General and the county board of elections, on the form provided by  
2 the Attorney General, a list of all polling places in the county,  
3 specifying any found inaccessible. The committee shall indicate the  
4 reasons for inaccessibility, according to guidelines established in  
5 the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" (42 U.S.C. s.  
6 12101 et seq.), and shall consult with the county board of elections  
7 to determine the efforts made pursuant to P.L.1991, c.429 (C.19:8-  
8 3.1 et seq.) to locate alternative polling places or the actions needed  
9 to make the existing facilities accessible. Each county board of  
10 elections shall notify the Attorney General and the committee of  
11 any changes in polling place locations before the next general  
12 election, including any changes required due to the alteration of  
13 district boundaries.

14 (cf: P.L.2005, c.146, s.6)

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16 8. R.S.19:8-4 is amended to read as follows:

17 19:8-4. The county board before **February** January 15 of each  
18 presidential year and May 15 of every other year shall certify a list  
19 of polling places so selected to the sheriff and to the clerk of the  
20 county and to the superintendent of elections of the county if any  
21 there be and to each municipal clerk in the county.

22 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.13)

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24 9. R.S.19:9-2 is amended to read as follows:

25 19:9-2. The Director of the Division of Elections shall prepare  
26 and distribute on or before January **10** 4 of each presidential year  
27 and on or before April 1 of every other year prior to the primary  
28 election for the general election and the general election such  
29 information as may be needed relative to election procedures for the  
30 ensuing year.

31 The county board of elections shall prepare and distribute on or  
32 before January **10** 4 of each presidential year and on or before  
33 April 1 of every other year, registration and voting instructions  
34 printed in at least 14-point type for conspicuous display at each  
35 polling place at any election.

36 All other books, ballots, envelopes and other blank forms which  
37 the county clerk is required to furnish under any other section of  
38 this Title, stationery and supplies for the primary election for the  
39 general election, the presidential primary election for delegates and  
40 alternates to national conventions and the general election, shall be  
41 furnished, prepared and distributed by the clerks of the various  
42 counties; except that all books, blank forms, stationery and supplies,  
43 articles and equipment which may be deemed necessary to be  
44 furnished, used or issued by the county board or superintendent  
45 shall be furnished, used or issued, prepared and distributed by such  
46 county board or superintendent, as the case may be.

47 The county board shall furnish and deliver to the county clerk,  
48 the municipal clerks and the district boards in municipalities having



1 more than one election district: a map or description of the district  
2 lines of their respective election districts, together with the street  
3 and house numbers where possible in such election districts and a  
4 list or map of all of the polling places within the county to assist  
5 any voter in identifying the correct location of the polling place at  
6 which the voter should vote if that voter erroneously reports to the  
7 municipal clerk or the wrong polling place.

8 Nothing in subtitle 2 of the Title, Municipalities and Counties  
9 (R.S.40:16-1 et seq.), shall in **anywise** any way be construed to  
10 affect, restrict, or abridge the powers conferred on the county  
11 clerks, county boards or superintendents by this Title.  
12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.14)

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14 10. R.S.19:23-1 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:23-1. The chairman of the State committee of a political  
16 party shall, on or before March 1 in the year when a Governor is to  
17 be elected, notify in writing the chairman of each county committee  
18 of such party of the number of male or female members or members  
19 with less than one full vote to be elected from the county at the  
20 ensuing primary election for the general election, and each such  
21 chairman shall, on or before April 1 of such year, send a copy of  
22 such notice to the county clerk.

23 The chairman of each county committee shall also, on or before  
24 January **[10]** 4 of each presidential year and on or before April 1 of  
25 every other year, file with the clerks of the several municipalities  
26 the number of committeemen to be elected at the ensuing primary  
27 for the general election to the county committee.

28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.25)

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30 11. R.S.19:23-40 is amended to read as follows:

31 19:23-40. The presidential primary election shall be held for all  
32 political parties in each presidential year on the **[last]** first Tuesday  
33 next after the first Monday in February.

34 The primary election for the general election shall be held for all  
35 political parties upon the Tuesday next after the first Monday in  
36 June.

37 All primary elections shall occur between the hours of 6:00 A.M.  
38 and 8:00 P.M., Standard Time and shall be held for all political  
39 parties in the same places as hereinbefore provided for the ensuing  
40 general election.

41 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.27)

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43 12. R.S.19:24-1 is amended to read as follows:

44 19:24-1. In every year in which presidential primary elections  
45 are to be held as herein provided for the election of delegates and  
46 alternates to the national conventions of political parties, including  
47 any national mid-term convention or conference of a political party,  
48 the chairman of the State committee of each political party shall

1 notify the Attorney General, on or before ~~January 1~~ December 20  
2 of that preceding year, of the number of delegates-at-large and the  
3 number of alternates-at-large to be elected to the next national  
4 convention of such party by the voters of the party throughout the  
5 State, and also of the number of delegates and alternates to be  
6 chosen to such convention in the respective congressional districts  
7 or other territorial subdivisions of the State as mentioned in such  
8 notification.

9 If the State chairmen, or either of them, shall fail to file notice,  
10 the Attorney General shall ascertain such facts from the call for its  
11 national convention issued by the National or State committee.

12 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.34)

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14 13. R.S.19:24-2 is amended to read as follows:

15 19:24-2. The Attorney General shall, on or before December 20  
16 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
17 ~~that~~ every other year, as the case may be, certify to the county  
18 clerk and county board of each county the number of delegates and  
19 alternates-at-large to be chosen by each such party and the number  
20 of delegates and alternates to be chosen in each congressional  
21 district or other territorial subdivision of the State, composed in  
22 whole or in part of the county of such county clerk.

23 Any provisions of this Title which pertain particularly to any  
24 election or to the general election or to the primary election for the  
25 general election shall apply to the presidential primary election for  
26 delegates and alternates to national conventions insofar as they are  
27 not inconsistent with the special provisions of this Title pertaining  
28 to the presidential primary election for delegates and alternates to  
29 national conventions.

30 Notwithstanding any provision of this Title, national and State  
31 party rules shall govern the selection of delegates and alternates to  
32 national party conventions, provided the State chairman of the  
33 political party notifies the Attorney General prior to December 20  
34 of the year preceding each presidential election or January 1 of  
35 ~~the~~ every other year, as the case may be, in which delegates and  
36 alternates are elected of the applicable party rules governing the  
37 delegate selection process. The Attorney General shall notify the  
38 county clerks prior to December 20 of the year preceding each  
39 presidential election or January 10 of ~~the~~ every other year, as the  
40 case may be, in which delegates and alternates are elected of the  
41 applicable party rules, if any, which apply to matters within their  
42 jurisdiction. Pursuant to this section, the Attorney General shall  
43 issue to the county clerks uniform regulations governing the  
44 delegate selection process.

45 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.35)

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47 14. R.S.19:31-16 is amended to read as follows:

1 19:31-16. a. The health officer or other officer in charge of  
2 records of death in each municipality shall file with the  
3 commissioner of registration for the county in which the  
4 municipality is located once each month, during the first five days  
5 thereof, the age, date of death, and the names and addresses of all  
6 persons 18 years of age or older who have died within such  
7 municipality during the previous month. Within 30 days after the  
8 receipt of such list, the commissioner shall make and complete such  
9 investigation as is necessary to establish to his satisfaction that such  
10 deceased person is registered as a voter in the county. If such fact  
11 is so established, the commissioner shall cause the registration and  
12 record of voting forms of the deceased registrant to be transferred to  
13 the death file as soon as possible. If the deceased person was not so  
14 registered in the county, but the person maintained a residence in  
15 another county of this State, the officer in charge of records of  
16 death in the municipality in which the decedent died shall forward a  
17 copy of the notice of death to the officer in charge of records of  
18 death in the municipality in which the decedent resided. That  
19 officer having received the notice shall notify the commissioner of  
20 the county in which that municipality is located of the death of the  
21 person. Any commissioner who receives such notification shall  
22 undertake the procedures prescribed herein with respect to the  
23 registration in that county of the decedent.

24 b. The State registrar of vital statistics shall file with the  
25 commissioner of registration of each county no later than January  
26 **[15] 2** of each presidential year and no later than May 1 of every  
27 other year an alphabetized list of the name, address, and date of  
28 birth, if available, of each resident of the county 18 years of age or  
29 older who died during the previous year. Within 30 days after the  
30 receipt of the list the commissioner shall undertake and complete  
31 such investigation as is necessary to establish that each person on  
32 the list is not registered as a voter in the county. The commissioner  
33 shall cause the registration and record of voting forms of any  
34 deceased registrant found on the list to be transferred to the death  
35 file as soon as possible.

36 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.43)

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38 15. Section 2 of P.L.1995, c.278 (C.19:60-2) is amended to read  
39 as follows:

40 2. a. The board of education of a type II district may call a  
41 special election of the legal voters of the district on only the fourth  
42 Tuesday in January**[, the second Tuesday in March]** other than in a  
43 year when a presidential primary election occurs, in which case no  
44 such election on that date may be called, the second Tuesday in  
45 March, the last Tuesday in September, or the second Tuesday in  
46 December when in its judgment the interests of the schools require  
47 such an election. The board of education shall give the municipal  
48 clerk or clerks, as the case may be, and the county board of

1 elections no less than 60 days' notice, in writing, of its intention to  
2 hold a special election.

3 b. No business shall be transacted at any special election except  
4 such as shall have been set forth in the notices by which the election  
5 was called.

6 (cf: P.L.2005, c.136, s.60)

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8 16. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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13 This bill changes the date of the presidential primary election  
14 from the last Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday next after the  
15 first Monday in February.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4010**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably  
Assembly Bill No. 4010.

This bill changes the date of the presidential primary election from  
the last Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday next after the first  
Monday in February.

Assembly Bill No. 4010 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2193 of  
2006.

## Apr-01-07 Governor Corzine Signs Legislation Moving Up New Jersey's Presidential Primary

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### GOVERNOR CORZINE SIGNS LEGISLATION MOVING UP NEW JERSEY'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

**TRENTON** – Governor Jon S. Corzine today signed legislation moving New Jersey's presidential primary election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February. The legislation will take effect immediately, moving the primary for the 2008 presidential election from February 26 to February 5, 2008.

"For far too long presidential candidates have seen New Jersey only as a source of campaign cash," Governor Corzine said. "New Jersey is now a prime-time player in the nomination process, and candidates will have to come here, speak to voters and hear and respond to our concerns about a variety of issues that impact our state."

The bill applies only to presidential primaries and does not affect the date of any other primary election. The presidential primary had been moved to the last Tuesday in February as a result of legislation passed in June of 2005.

"For as long as I can remember, the needs of our voters have always taken a backseat to our wallets during the crucial presidential primary season. Today, all of that ends," said Senate President Richard J. Codey (D-Essex). "With so many critical decisions facing our nation right now, New Jersey voters deserve to have more of a voice in selecting the person who will guide our country through these tenuous times."

"For decades, our last-in-the-nation-primary status relegated New Jersey to the sidelines in the presidential selection process," said Roberts (D-Camden).

"Today, New Jersey's primary voters take a well-deserved walk to the front of the class. Presidential candidates who previously viewed New Jersey as just

another stop in the search for campaign dollars now will make our state a principal stop in the search for primary votes.”

The bill (S-2193/A-4010) was also sponsored in the Senate by Senator Ellen Karcher (D-Mercer, Monmouth). It was sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymembers Van Drew (D-Cape May, Cumberland, Atlantic), Watson Coleman (D-Mercer), Greenstein (D-Mercer, Middlesex), Gordon (D-Bergen), Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) and Hackett (D-Essex).