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**SENATE, No. 303**

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38 is such committee, and if not, by the remaining members of the county com-  
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7 this State for members of the General Assembly.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill would fix the first Tuesday in September as the date for primary elections except in presidential years when the primary elections would continue to be held on the first Tuesday in June.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO

**SENATE, No. 303**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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ADOPTED APRIL 4, 1966

Amend page 1, section 1, line 2, delete "first", and insert in lieu thereof "second".

Amend page 5, section 6, line 4, delete "first", and insert in lieu thereof "second".