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STATE OF NEW JERSEY 222nd LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Moves primary election to Tuesday after second Monday in June.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT moving the primary election to the Tuesday after the
2 second Monday in June and amending R.S.19:2-1, R.S.19:3-3,
3 and R.S.19:23-40.

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

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

9 19:2-1. Primary elections for delegates and alternates to national
10 conventions of political parties and for the general election shall be
11 held in each year on the Tuesday next after the **【first】** second
12 Monday in June between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.,
13 Standard Time. Primary elections for special elections shall be held
14 not earlier than 30 nor later than 20 days prior to the special
15 elections.

16 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.2)

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

19 19:3-3. Delegates and alternates to the national conventions of
20 the political parties shall be elected at the primary election to be
21 held on the Tuesday next after the **【first】** second Monday in June in
22 that year.

23 The members of county and municipal committees of the
24 political parties shall be chosen at the primary for the general
25 election as hereinafter provided.

26 (cf: P.L.2025, c.32, s.10)

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28 3. R.S.19:23-40 is amended to read as follows:

29 19:23-40. The primary election for the general election shall be
30 held for all political parties upon the Tuesday next after the **【first】**
31 second Monday in June between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00
32 P.M., Standard Time. It shall be held for all political parties in the
33 same places as hereinbefore provided for the ensuing general
34 election.

35 (cf: P.L.2011, c.134, s.25)

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37 4. This act shall take effect January 1 next following the date
38 of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill moves the date of the primary election for the general
44 election each year. Under current law, the primary election for the
45 general election is held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in
46 June. The bill moves the primary election to be held on the
47 Tuesday after the second Monday in June.

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.