

Legislative Analysis



HOLD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON FOURTH TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY

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Senate Bill 13 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Jeremy Moss
House Committee: Elections [Discharged]
Senate Committee: Committee of the Whole
Complete to 1-31-23

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(Enacted as Public Act 2 of 2023)

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 13 would amend the Michigan Election Law to move the presidential primary date to February 27, 2024, and the fourth Tuesday in February for all future presidential election years. Currently, presidential primaries must be held on the second Tuesday in March.

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BACKGROUND:

In December 2022, the Democratic National Committee rules and bylaws panel adopted a proposal that will allow Michigan to hold its presidential primary election in February of 2024, after South Carolina, New Hampshire, Nevada, and Georgia. (Approval from the full committee is expected to occur at its February 2023 meeting.) To hold an early primary, the Democratic National Committee is requiring a law authorizing the date change by February 1, 2023.

The Republican National Committee has not made any changes to its primary order, and current rules would reportedly reduce Michigan's delegate allocation for the 2024 GOP convention if its primary were held on a different date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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