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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections - Presidential Primary Election Date**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the date of primary elections in each year in which a  
4 national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and  
5 Vice-President by the political parties.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 33 - Election Code  
8 Section 5-2(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 33 - Election Code**

14 5-2.

15 (a) The primary elections by the political parties for candidates for State offices  
16 and central committee shall be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday after  
17 the first Monday in September. The primary elections by the political parties in each year  
18 in which a national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and  
19 Vice-President shall be held throughout this State on the [first Tuesday in March]  
20 SECOND TUESDAY IN MAY. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of  
21 Representative in Congress shall be held on such date as the Governor shall specify  
22 pursuant to § 22-1(b) of this article.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1996.