

Bill No. 5825

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Referred to Committee on *Elections*

LCO No. 334

Introduced by Rep. Bruno - 132nd Dist.

General Assembly,

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME AT WHICH PRIMARIES ARE TO BE HELD.

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STATE LIBRARY
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SECTION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9-423 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: The
primaries of [a] EACH party for nomination to state or district
office to be filled at a state election shall be held on the
[eighth] FIRST Wednesday IN SEPTEMBER IN THOSE YEARS IN WHICH A
STATE PARTY CONVENTION IS HELD. [following the day of the close
of the state convention of such party; provided, if the primaries
of the party whose candidate for governor polled, under the
designation of that party, the highest number of votes for
governor at the last-preceding election for governor fall on the
same day as the primaries of the party whose candidate for
governor polled, under the designation of that party, the second
highest number of votes for governor at such election, the
primaries of the party whose candidate for governor polled such
highest number of votes shall be held on the ninth Wednesday
following the day of the close of such convention.] [The] ALL
primaries for nomination to municipal office [of the party whose
candidate for governor polled such highest number of votes] shall
be held on the SAME DAY, PROVIDED SUCH PRIMARIES IN THOSE
MUNICIPALITIES HOLDING ELECTIONS IN MAY SHALL BE HELD ON THE
fortieth day preceding the day of the election. [; and the
primaries of any other party or parties for such office shall be
held on the forty-second day preceding the day of the election.]

Sec. 2. Section 9-424 of the 1969 supplement to the general 44
 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 45
 thereof: [The days for holding primaries for the purpose of 46
 electing delegates to conventions shall be fixed by the state 47
 central committee or other authority of the party holding such 48
 primaries, in accordance with the rules of such party. Such 49
 state central committee or other authority shall fix such day by 50
 publishing a legal notice of the same in a newspaper or 51
 newspapers having a general circulation in each municipality of 52
 the state at least fifty-six days before such primaries are to be
 held and by mailing, at the same time, a copy of such legal
 notice to each clerk in each municipality of the state. All] THE 53
 primaries of [such] EACH party for THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING 54
 delegates to state, county, congressional district, senatorial 55
 district, probate district and assembly district conventions 56
 shall be held on the [same day, which day shall be not later than 57
 the seventh day preceding the day of the convening of the 58
 earliest of such conventions.] SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MAY IN THOSE
 YEARS IN WHICH SAID CONVENTIONS ARE HELD. 59

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To require both parties to hold their 62
 primaries for nominations to state, district and municipal office 63
 on the same day, the second Wednesday in September; to require 64
 that all party primaries for the purpose of electing convention 65
 delegates shall be held on the same day the second Wednesday in 66
 May.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 67
 additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 69