

# SENATE, No. 2349

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Changes date of 2020 primary election from June 2 to July 7.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the date of the 2020 primary election.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.19:2-1, R.S.19:23-  
7 40, any provision of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes, or any other  
8 law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the 2020 primary election  
9 shall not be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in June,  
10 falling on June 2, 2020, and shall be held instead on the Tuesday  
11 next after the first Monday in July, falling on July 7, 2020. Any  
12 other election scheduled to occur between May 13, 2020 and July 6,  
13 2020, inclusive, shall be rescheduled to be held on July 7, 2020.

14 b. Nothing in this act shall be interpreted to affect the deadlines  
15 prescribed under the provisions of Title 19 of the Revised Statutes  
16 for the nomination of candidates, filing of petitions, acceptance of  
17 nominations, certification of nominations, and any other deadline  
18 required to be met preceding the primary election, when that  
19 deadline occurs before April 11, 2020, including, but not limited to,  
20 the deadline for filing nominating petitions under R.S.19:23-14, for  
21 amending defective petitions under R.S.19:23-20, for the filing of  
22 objections to nominating petitions under R.S.19:13-10, for  
23 determining the validity of objections to nominating petitions under  
24 R.S.19:13-11, and for drawing for ballot positions under R.S.19:23-  
25 24, which dates shall continue to be determined by reference to  
26 June 2, 2020. All other deadlines prescribed under the provisions of  
27 Title 19 of the Revised Statutes for meeting statutory requirements  
28 for a primary election shall be calculated using the July 7, 2020  
29 primary election date.

30 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection b. of this  
31 section, or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the  
32 party affiliation deadline established under R.S.19:23-45 shall be  
33 calculated based on the July 7, 2020 primary election date.

34 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 19 of the Revised  
35 Statutes, or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
36 petitions for direct nomination for the general election required to  
37 be filed under R.S.19:13-3 through R.S.19:13-9 shall be due by  
38 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill moves the date for the 2020 primary election from June  
46 2 to July 7.

47 Under current law, the primary election for the general election  
48 is required to be held “on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in

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1 June,” which falls on June 2, 2020. This bill provides that the  
2 primary election will be held instead “on the Tuesday next after the  
3 first Monday in July,” which falls on July 7, 2020. Under the bill,  
4 any other election scheduled to occur between May 13, 2020 and  
5 July 6, 2020, inclusive, will also be rescheduled to be held on July  
6 7, 2020.

7 The bill would not affect the deadlines prescribed under current  
8 law for the nomination of candidates, filing of petitions, acceptance  
9 of nominations, certification of nominations, and any other deadline  
10 required to be met preceding the primary election, when that  
11 deadline occurs before April 11, 2020, including, but not limited to,  
12 the deadline for filing nominating petitions under R.S.19:23-14, for  
13 amending defective petitions under R.S.19:23-20, for the filing of  
14 objections to nominating petitions under R.S.19:13-10, for  
15 determining the validity of objections to nominating petitions under  
16 R.S.19:13-11, and for drawing for ballot positions under R.S.19:23-  
17 24, which dates will continue to be determined by reference to June  
18 2, 2020. All other deadlines prescribed under current law for  
19 meeting statutory requirements for a primary election will be  
20 calculated using the July 7, 2020 primary election date.

21 However, the party affiliation deadline established under  
22 R.S.19:23-45 will be calculated based on the July 7, 2020 primary  
23 election date. In addition, petitions for direct nomination for the  
24 general election required to be filed under R.S.19:13-3 through  
25 R.S.19:13-9 will be due by 4:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020.

26 This bill is temporary and will apply only to the 2020 primary  
27 election.