

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 21, *approved April 14, 2020*
Senate, No. 2349

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.

STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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