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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, GIANARIS, BAILEY, COMRIE, FAHY, FERNANDEZ, GOUNARDES, KAVANAGH, KRUEGER, LIU, MAY, MYRIE, PARKER, PERSAUD, RAMOS, RIVERA, SANDERS, SCARCELLA-SPANTON, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to moving the date of the presidential primary to the first Tuesday in March

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 8-100 of the  
2 election law, as amended by chapter 5 of the laws of 2019, is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 (a) A primary election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in June  
5 before every general election unless otherwise changed by an act of the  
6 legislature. Members of the state and county committees and assembly  
7 district leaders and associate district leaders and all other party  
8 positions to be elected shall be elected at such primary and all nomi-  
9 nations for public office required to be made at a primary election in  
10 such year shall be made at such primary. In each year in which electors  
11 of president and vice president of the United States are to be elected  
12 an additional primary election[~~, to be known as the spring primary,~~  
13 shall also be held on the first Tuesday in [~~February~~] March unless  
14 otherwise changed by an act of the legislature, for the purpose of  
15 electing delegates to the national convention.  
16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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