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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:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 8-100 of the election law, as amended by chapter 5 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A primary election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in June before every general election unless otherwise changed by an act of the legislature. Members of the state and county committees and assembly district leaders and associate district leaders and all other party positions to be elected shall be elected at such primary and all nominations for public office required to be made at a primary election in such year shall be made at such primary. In each year in which electors of president and vice president of the United States are to be elected an additional primary election[~~, to be known as the spring primary,~~] shall **also** be held on the first Tuesday in [~~February~~] **March** unless otherwise changed by an act of the legislature, for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention.

§ 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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