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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. DeMora

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### SUMMARY

- Requires a presidential primary election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, the same as any other primary election, instead of being held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Presidential primary moved to May

The bill moves the date of a presidential primary from the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March,<sup>1</sup> to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

Under continuing law, generally, primary elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. Current law contains an exception for presidential primary elections, and specifies those primaries are held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in March. During a year in which a presidential primary is held, all other primaries, such as those for Congress or the General Assembly, are moved to March, and no primaries are held in May of that year. The bill eliminates this exception, making all primaries, including presidential primaries, happen on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May each year.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Often informally called “Super Tuesday” by the media.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3501.01.

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## HISTORY

| Action     | Date     |
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| Introduced | 02-14-23 |

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