

**A003-0506**

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Election Law – Date of the Primary**

30 FOR the purpose of changing the primary date in non-presidential election years to an  
40 earlier date.

50 BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments,  
60 Article – Election Law  
70 Section 8-201  
80 Annotated Code of Maryland (2006)

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,  
100 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 8-201. Date of the primary

120 (a) In general. --

130 (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered year.

140 (2) A primary election shall be held:

150 (i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the ~~second Tuesday after the first~~  
160 ~~Monday in September~~ FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST; and

170 (ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is elected, on the first Tuesday  
180 in March.

190 (b) Baltimore City municipal primary. -- In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary  
200 election for municipal offices on the second Tuesday following the first Monday in  
210 September in the year following the election of the Governor.

220 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January  
230 1, 2007.

240 **MANDATES:** Robert L. Ehrlich, Governor of Maryland  
250 Michael Steele, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland  
260 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate  
270 Mike E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates  
280 Nathaniel J. McFadden, Senate Majority Leader  
290 J. Lowell Stoltzfus, Senate Minority Leader  
300 Kumar P. Barve, House Majority Leader  
310 George C. Edwards, House Minority Leader

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