

1 SB240  
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3 By Senator Ross  
4 RFD: Constitution, Ethics and Elections  
5 First Read: 17-MAR-15

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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Sections 17-13-3 and 17-13-100, Code of  
6 Alabama 1975, relating to the date of holding presidential  
7 primary; to change the date to the first Tuesday in March,  
8 beginning in the 2016 election.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Sections 17-13-3 and 17-13-100, Code of  
11 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

12 "§17-13-3.

13 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b),  
14 primary elections, except special primary elections and  
15 presidential preference primaries, held at the expense of the  
16 state or counties, shall be held on the first Tuesday in June.  
17 When necessary, as provided in this chapter, a second or  
18 runoff primary election shall be held on the sixth Tuesday  
19 following the primary election. Any second primary shall be  
20 held by the same election officers who held the first primary,  
21 and be held at the same places as the first primary election.  
22 No primary shall be held by any political party except as  
23 herein provided. Primary elections herein provided for shall  
24 be held at the regular polling places established for the  
25 purpose of holding general elections.

1           "(b) In years in which a presidential primary is  
2 conducted, the primary election shall be the ~~second~~ first  
3 Tuesday in March.

4           "(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in  
5 any year in which the primary election is held in March and  
6 the primary election is held in conjunction with the  
7 presidential preference primary election, as provided in this  
8 section and Section 17-13-100, any reference in any existing  
9 statutes to a primary election being held in June shall be  
10 construed to refer to the primary election in March.

11           "§17-13-100.

12           "(a) Primary elections for the purpose of  
13 determining the preferred candidates for President of the  
14 United States shall be held the ~~second~~ first Tuesday in March  
15 each year in which a President is to be elected beginning in  
16 the year ~~2012~~ 2016.

17           "(b) Subject to rules and procedures of the  
18 political party of any presidential candidate, the names of  
19 any candidates for delegate to the national conventions  
20 pledged to a presidential candidate shall be placed under his  
21 or her name and the delegates shall be elected in the primary  
22 election as provided herein.

23           "(c) The State of Alabama shall reimburse a county  
24 for all sums expended in holding and conducting the

1 presidential preference primary as provided in Section 17-16-4."

2 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
3 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
4 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 21-MAY-15

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