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SENATE BILL 133

Short Title: Abolish Super Tuesday.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Johnson of Cabarrus.

Referred to: Election Laws.

February 7, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO THE SAME DATE AS THE REGULAR PRIMARY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-213.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-213.2. Primary to be held; date; qualifications and registration of voters.

On the ~~second Tuesday in March, 1988~~ Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, 1992, and every four years thereafter, the voters of this State shall be given an opportunity to express their preference for the person to be the presidential candidate of their political party.

Any person otherwise qualified who will become qualified by age to vote in the general election held in the same year of the presidential preference primary shall be entitled to register and vote in the presidential preference primary. Such persons may register not earlier than 60 days nor later than the 21st day prior to the said primary. In addition, persons who will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which the primary is held, who do not register during the special period may register to vote after such period as if they were qualified on the basis of age, but until they are qualified by age to vote, they may vote only in primary elections."

Sec. 2. G.S. 163-213.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-213.3. Conduct of election.

The presidential preference primary election shall be conducted and canvassed by the same authority and in the manner provided by law for the conduct and canvassing of the primary election for the office of Governor and all other offices enumerated in G.S. 163-187 and under the same provisions stipulated in G.S. 163-188, ~~except that the earliest~~

1 ~~date by which absentee ballots shall be available shall be 35 days prior to the date of the~~  
2 ~~primary.~~ The State Board of Elections shall have authority to promulgate reasonable  
3 rules and regulations, not inconsistent with provisions contained herein, pursuant to the  
4 administration of this Article."

5           Sec. 3. G.S. 163-213.4 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 163-213.4. Nomination by State Board of Elections.**

7           The State Board of Elections shall convene in Raleigh on the ~~first~~second Tuesday in  
8 ~~January~~February preceding the presidential preference primary election. At the meeting  
9 required by this section, the State Board of Elections shall nominate as presidential  
10 primary candidates all candidates affiliated with a political party, recognized pursuant to  
11 the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, who have become  
12 eligible to receive payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account,  
13 as provided in section 9033 of the ~~U.S.~~ Internal Revenue Code of ~~1954~~1986, as  
14 amended. Immediately upon completion of these requirements, the Board shall release  
15 to the news media all such nominees selected. Provided, however, nothing shall prohibit  
16 the partial selection of nominees prior to the meeting required by this section, if all  
17 provisions herein have been complied with."

18           Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.