

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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As you may know, under this proposal, we would be required to decide whether the spring primary or election could be run concurrently with the presidential preference primary, and, if so, to change many dates associated with the conduct of that primary or election and, potentially, the dates on which the terms of the officers who are elected at that election commence, to the extent required to accommodate the change in the date of the presidential preference primary. If we decided not to run the presidential preference primary concurrently with one of those elections, as currently provided, we would have to incur additional costs to hold the presidential preference primary on a stand-alone basis. Adjustment of these dates, and particularly the adoption of four different schedules of dates to be used on a rotating basis, could result in a very long and complex bill draft. Potentially as many as 600 dates may have to be adjusted, depending upon the shape that the decisions take. Therefore, it would be desirable to ensure that the date structure proposed in this draft becomes generally accepted to the extent possible before a bill draft is produced.

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