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## EARLIEST PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

House Bill 4319

Sponsor: Rep. Maxine Berman

Committee: Local Government

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4319 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-95

The bill would amend the Michigan Election Law to establish a procedure for setting the date for the statewide presidential primary beginning in 1996. The bill would require the date to be designated by the secretary of state as the earliest date among the following:

- The third Tuesday in March (the current date);
- If a presidential primary election or caucus to select presidential candidates was conducted in another state on a Sunday or a Monday, on the Tuesday of the week before that primary or caucus;
- If a presidential primary or caucus was conducted in another state on a Tuesday through Saturday, the Tuesday of the week of that primary or caucus.

The bill would require the secretary of state to designate the date of the primary "as early as is practicable under the circumstances." If circumstances warranted, the secretary of state could re-designate the day; a re-designation would have to be made before the latest date practicable in order to give adequate notice of the presidential primary to the public and all election officials.

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