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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO
NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Corvese, Shekarchi, and Diaz

Date Introduced: January 14, 2026

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-12.1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-12.1 entitled "Primaries
2 for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **17-12.1-1. Date of primaries for election of delegates to national conventions.**

5 (a) A primary election for the election of delegates to the national convention for each
6 political party shall be held in the manner provided in this chapter on the ~~fourth Tuesday in April~~
7 ~~2012~~ first Tuesday in March 2028, and every fourth year thereafter.

8 (b) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (a), for the 2024 primary election only, the
9 election of delegates to the national convention for each political party and for presidential
10 preference shall be conducted on April 2, 2024.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would change the date for the election of delegates to the conventions from the
2 fourth Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March 2028.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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