

HB 503 -- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Dugger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill repeals a provision requiring a statewide presidential primary to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February any year in which a presidential election is held and sets the presidential primary to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will correct conflicting statutes. It is necessary to move the primary to March or the National Republican Party may not include Missouri in its primary process.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Dugger.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.