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H. R. 3277

To provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interregional Presi-
5 dential Primary and Caucus Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTER-REGIONAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND CAU-**
7 **CUSES.**

8 (a) **SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS.—**

9 The delegates to each national convention for the nomina-
10 tion of candidates of a political party for the offices of

1 President and Vice President shall be selected by primary
2 election or by caucus, as provided by State law. Such State
3 law shall conform to the requirements of the national po-
4 litical executive committee and the national nominating
5 convention of the political party involved.

6 (b) TIMING OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND CAU-
7 CUSES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In each region described in
9 subsection (c), the primary elections and caucuses
10 (as the case may be) in 2 subregions (each com-
11 prised of a State or a group of States) shall be con-
12 ducted on each of the following days of each Presi-
13 dential election year: the second Tuesday in March,
14 the first Tuesday in April, the fourth Tuesday in
15 April, the second Tuesday in May, the fourth Tues-
16 day in May, and the second Tuesday in June.

17 (2) INITIAL ORDER OF PRIMARIES AND CAU-
18 CUSES.—For the first Presidential election with re-
19 spect to which this Act applies, the Federal Election
20 Commission shall determine by lot the order of sub-
21 regions in each region for conduct of primary elec-
22 tions and caucuses by the States under paragraph
23 (1).

24 (3) ORDER OF PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES FOR
25 SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.—The subregions deter-

1 mined under paragraph (2) to be first in order for
2 the first Presidential election to which this Act ap-
3 plies, shall be last in order with respect to the next
4 such election and the other subregions shall advance
5 in the order accordingly. The order shall change
6 with respect to subsequent elections in a like man-
7 ner.

8 (4) SPECIAL RULES.—Any primary election or
9 caucus for the District of Columbia shall be con-
10 ducted on the same day as a primary election or
11 caucus for the State of Maryland, the Common-
12 wealth of Puerto Rico and any territory, possession,
13 or other entity entitled under the rules of a political
14 party to delegate representation at the national con-
15 vention of that party may conduct a Presidential pri-
16 mary or caucus on any day specified in paragraph
17 (1).

18 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONS.—The regions
19 (designated by number) and the subregions (designated by
20 letter) referred to in subsection (b) are as follows:

21 Region 1. (A) Maine, New Hampshire,
22 Vermont; (B) Massachusetts; (C) Connecticut,
23 Rhode Island; (D) Delaware, New Jersey; (E) New
24 York; (F) Pennsylvania.

1 Region 2. (A) Maryland; (B) West Virginia; (C)
2 Missouri; (D) Indiana; (E) Kentucky; (F) Ten-
3 nessee.

4 Region 3. (A) Ohio; (B) Illinois; (C) Michigan;
5 (D) Wisconsin; (E) Iowa; (F) Minnesota.

6 Region 4. (A) Texas; (B) Louisiana; (C) Arkan-
7 sas, Oklahoma; (D) Colorado; (E) Kansas, Ne-
8 braska; (F) Arizona, New Mexico.

9 Region 5. (A) Virginia; (B) North Carolina; (C)
10 South Carolina; (D) Florida; (E) Georgia; (F) Mis-
11 sissippi, Alabama.

12 Region 6. (A) California; (B) Washington; (C)
13 Oregon; (D) Idaho, Nevada, Utah; (E) Montana,
14 North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming; (F) Ha-
15 waii, Alaska.

16 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

17 The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any
18 appropriate United States district court for such declara-
19 tory or injunctive relief as may be necessary to carry out
20 this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

22 The Federal Election Commission shall prescribe
23 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
24 Act.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

2 As used in this Act, the term “State law” means the
3 law of a State, the District of Columbia, the Common-
4 wealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the
5 United States.

6 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall apply with respect to Presidential elec-
8 tions taking place more than 2 years after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act.

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