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To provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the 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 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERREGIONAL 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 a subregion (comprised of
11 a State or a group of States) shall be conducted on
12 each of the following days of each Presidential elec-
13 tion year: the second Tuesday in March, the first
14 Tuesday in April, the fourth Tuesday in April, the
15 second Tuesday in May, the fourth Tuesday in May,
16 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 Election Assist-
20 ance Commission shall determine by lot the order of
21 subregions in each region for conduct of primary
22 elections and caucuses by the States under para-
23 graph (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 FOR DISTRICT OF COLUM-
9 BIA, PUERTO RICO, AND TERRITORIES.—Any pri-
10 mary election or caucus for the District of Columbia
11 shall be conducted on the same day as a primary
12 election or caucus for the State of Maryland. Any
13 primary election or caucus for the Commonwealth of
14 Puerto Rico shall be conducted on the same day as
15 a primary election or caucus for the State of Flor-
16 ida. Any primary election or caucus for any other
17 territory, possession, or other entity entitled under
18 the rules of a political party to delegate representa-
19 tion at the national convention of that party shall be
20 conducted on the same day as a primary election or
21 caucus for the States of Alaska and Hawaii.

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

1 (1) Region 1: (A) Maine, New Hampshire,
2 Vermont; (B) Massachusetts; (C) Connecticut,
3 Rhode Island; (D) Delaware, New Jersey; (E) New
4 York; (F) Pennsylvania.

5 (2) Region 2: (A) Maryland; (B) West Virginia;
6 (C) Missouri; (D) Indiana; (E) Kentucky; (F) Ten-
7 nessee.

8 (3) Region 3: (A) Ohio; (B) Illinois; (C) Michi-
9 gan; (D) Wisconsin; (E) Iowa; (F) Minnesota.

10 (4) Region 4: (A) Texas; (B) Louisiana; (C) Ar-
11 kansas, Oklahoma; (D) Colorado; (E) Kansas, Ne-
12 braska; (F) Arizona, New Mexico.

13 (5) Region 5: (A) Virginia; (B) North Carolina;
14 (C) South Carolina; (D) Florida; (E) Georgia; (F)
15 Mississippi, Alabama.

16 (6) Region 6: (A) California; (B) Washington;
17 (C) Oregon; (D) Idaho, Nevada, Utah; (E) Montana,
18 North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming; (F) Ha-
19 waii, Alaska.

20 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

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

1 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

2 The Election Assistance Commission shall prescribe
3 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
4 Act.

5 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

6 As used in this Act, the term “State law” means the
7 law of a State, the District of Columbia, the Common-
8 wealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the
9 United States.

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

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

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