

SENATE BILL NO. 120—SENATORS RAGGIO, MATHEWS,
WASHINGTON, TOWNSEND, HORSFORD; AMODEI, HARDY,
MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS AND RHOADS

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the date of the primary election.
(BDR 24-370)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to elections; revising the date of the primary election to the first Tuesday in September in each even-numbered year; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill changes the date of the primary election from the twelfth Tuesday
2 before the general election in each even-numbered year to the first Tuesday of
3 September in each even-numbered year. (NRS 293.175) To provide an example, if
4 the provisions of this bill had already been in effect in 2008, the primary election
5 would have been held on September 2, 2008, instead of on August 12, 2008.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 293.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 293.175 1. The primary election must be held on the ~~12th~~
3 ~~Tuesday before the general election~~ *first Tuesday of September* in
4 each even-numbered year.
5 2. Candidates for partisan office of a major political party and
6 candidates for nonpartisan office must be nominated at the primary
7 election.
8 3. Candidates for partisan office of a minor political party must
9 be nominated in the manner prescribed pursuant to NRS 293.171 to
10 293.174, inclusive.



1 4. Independent candidates for partisan office must be
2 nominated in the manner provided in NRS 293.200.

3 5. The provisions of NRS 293.175 to 293.203, inclusive, do not
4 apply to:

5 (a) Special elections to fill vacancies.

6 (b) The nomination of the officers of incorporated cities.

7 (c) The nomination of district officers whose nomination is
8 otherwise provided for by statute.

