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Summary of Senate Bill 1905

### The Regional Presidential Primary and Caucus Act of 2007

U.S. Senator's Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Joe Lieberman (I-CT)

SB 1905 was introduced to the U.S. Senate on July 31, 2007. The legislation creates a rotating primary and caucus system on the following schedule:

#### Schedule:

- 1st Primary between 1st Tuesday of <u>March</u> and 6 days following that Tuesday
- 2nd Primary between 1st Tuesday of April and 6 days following that Tuesday
- 3rd Primary between 1st Tuesday of May and 6 days following that Tuesday
- 4th Primary between 1st Tuesday of <u>June</u> and 6 days following that Tuesday

#### The Regions:

- Region 1: CT, DE, DC, MN, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, WV
- Region 2: AL, AK, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA
- Region 3: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NB, ND, OH, SD, WI
- Region 4: AL, AZ, CA, <u>CO</u>, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY
  Territories shall jointly determine the region of each territory of the United States

The <u>United States Election Assistance Commission</u> would be required to hold a lottery to determine which region gets the First Primary slot for the 2012 election.

The legislation does not require a state to hold a presidential primary or caucus, it just requires states to follow the above schedule if the do.

<u>Exception</u>: The legislation New Hampshire and Iowa may hold a primary on a date prior to the beginning of the first region.

Effective Date: The legislation would be effective for the 2012 presidential election.

SB 1905 is based on a plan adopted by the <u>National Association of Secretaries of State</u> in 2002.