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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the presidential preference primary;
3 amending s. 103.101, F.S.; revising the dates relating to
4 the presidential preference primary; providing an
5 effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (6) of section
10 103.101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11 103.101 Presidential preference primary.--

12 (1) Each political party other than a minor political
13 party shall, on the first ~~second~~ Tuesday in February ~~March~~ in
14 each year the number of which is a multiple of 4, or the first
15 Tuesday immediately following the New Hampshire presidential
16 preference primary, whichever occurs first, elect one person to
17 be the candidate for nomination of such party for President of
18 the United States or select delegates to the national nominating
19 convention, as provided by party rule.

20 (2) There shall be a Presidential Candidate Selection
21 Committee composed of the Secretary of State, who shall be a
22 nonvoting chair; the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
23 the President of the Senate; the minority leader of each house
24 of the Legislature; and the chair of each political party
25 required to have a presidential preference primary under this
26 section.

27 (a) By October ~~December~~ 31 of the year preceding the
28 ~~Florida~~ presidential preference primary, each political party

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29 shall submit to the Secretary of State a list of its
30 presidential candidates to be placed on the presidential
31 preference primary ballot or candidates entitled to have
32 delegates appear on the presidential preference primary ballot.
33 The Secretary of State shall prepare and publish a list of the
34 names of the presidential candidates submitted. The Secretary of
35 State shall submit such list of names of presidential candidates
36 to the selection committee on the first Tuesday after the first
37 Monday in November of the January~~each year~~ preceding the a
38 presidential preference primary election is held. Each person
39 designated as a presidential candidate shall have his or her
40 name appear, or have his or her delegates' names appear, on the
41 presidential preference primary ballot unless all committee
42 members of the same political party as the candidate agree to
43 delete such candidate's name from the ballot. The selection
44 committee shall meet in Tallahassee on the first Tuesday after
45 the first Monday in November of the January~~each year~~ preceding
46 the a presidential preference primary ~~is held~~. The selection
47 committee shall publicly announce and submit to the Department
48 of State no later than 5 p.m. on the following day the names of
49 presidential candidates who shall have their names appear, or
50 who are entitled to have their delegates' names appear, on the
51 presidential preference primary ballot. The Department of State
52 shall immediately notify each presidential candidate designated
53 by the committee. Such notification shall be in writing, by
54 registered mail, with return receipt requested.

55 (b) Any presidential candidate whose name does not appear
56 on the list submitted to the Secretary of State may request that

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57 the selection committee place his or her name on the ballot.
58 Such request shall be made in writing to the Secretary of State
59 no later than the second Tuesday after the first Monday in
60 November of the year preceding the presidential preference
61 primary ~~January~~.

62 (c) If a presidential candidate makes a request that the
63 selection committee reconsider placing the candidate's name on
64 the ballot, the selection committee will reconvene no later than
65 the second Thursday after the first Monday in November of the
66 year preceding the presidential preference primary ~~January~~ to
67 reconsider placing the candidate's name on the ballot. The
68 Department of State shall immediately notify such candidate of
69 the selection committee's decision.

70 (6) Delegates must qualify no later than the second Friday
71 in November of the year preceding the presidential preference
72 primary ~~January~~ in the manner provided by party rule.

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.