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FEC PUBLISHES 1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND CAUCUS DATES

WASHINGTON -- A preliminary list of 1996 presidential primary and caucus dates has been compiled by the Public Records Offices of the Federal Election Commission.

Information for the listing was obtained from data supplied by state election offices and news articles. At this time, presidential preference primaries have been scheduled in 42 states plus the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The dates listed are tentative and subject to change. In many states, final action by the legislature and/or the governor has not been taken. As those dates are finalized, the list will be updated.

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1996 PRELIMINARY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND CAUCUS DATES (Data as of 6/5/95)

Establishing the date for a presidential primary, and determining the type of presidential preference primary held, varies from state to state. This is due to differences in state statutes, party constitutions, party rules and regulations, party by-laws, and delegate selection plans. This state-by-state variation should be kept in mind when examining this listing of dates for 1996 presidential primaries. Questions concerning a state's primary election procedure should be addressed to the state Election Director. The dates listed are tentative and subject to change.

State	Primary Date	Caucus Date	Recent Actions or Circumstances
AL	6/4		
AK		4/4 (Dem) 4/26 (Rep Convention)	
AS		3/5 (Dem)	
AZ	2/27 (Rep)	3/9 (Dem)	
AR	5/21		Appellate court recently overturned state primary election law; legislative remedy pending.
CA	3/26		
CO	3/5		
CT	3/26		3/5 New England regional primary date passed state legislature; pending Governor's signature.
DE	2/24		Conflicts w/ NH; bill introduced to move date to two weeks after NH (3/5); parties may opt for caucus.
DC	5/7		
FL	3/12		
GA	3/5		

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GU		5/5 (Dem)	
HI		3/12 (Dem)	Republican caucus likely to be held in 3/96.
ID	5/28 (Rep)	3/5 (Dem)	
IL	3/19		
IN	5/7		
IA		2/12	Conflicts w/ IA, possibly NH & DE; state law requires IA be first caucus/primary; could move to 1/29.
KS	4/2		Financing for primary omitted from 1996 budget.
KY	5/28		
LA	3/12	2/6 (Rep)	IA challenge to GOP caucus date; state Senate passed bill abolishing primary 5/31/95.
ME	3/12 (Dem)	5/3 (Rep Convention)	3/5 New England regional primary date being considered.
MD	3/5		
MA	3/12		3/5 New England regional primary date likely.
MI	3/19		
MN	4/2 (Rep)	3/5 (Dem)	Legislature considering 3/19 primary date or replacing with precinct caucuses.
MS	3/12		
MO		3/7 (Dem)	Republican caucus date likely to be set in 6/95.
MT	6/4		
NE	5/14		
NV		3/10 (Dem) 5/2 (Rep Convention)	
NH	2/20		Bill pending to keep one week distance between other primaries; may move back to 2/13 or 2/17.
NJ	6/4		Bill proposed moving date to 3/5.
NM	6/4		
NY	3/7		
NC	5/7		Some state Republicans advocating a 3/5 primary date.
ND	2/27 (Rep)	3/7-21 (Dem)	
OH	3/19		
OK	3/12		
OR	5/21		Considering March date in order to be closer to CA; 3/5 and 3/12 are possibilities.
PA	4/23		Legislature considering moving primary date to 3/19.
PR	3/17 (Rep) 4/7 (Dem)		
RI	3/12		3/5 New England regional primary date being considered; bill has been approved by legislature.
SC	3/2 (Rep) 3/9 (Dem)		
SD	2/27		
TN	3/12		Financing for primary omitted from 1996 budget.
TX	3/12	3/12 (Dem)	House bill proposes moving primary date to 3/9.
UT		3/25 (Dem)	
VT	3/5		
VA		4/13 (Dem)	
VI		3/30 (Dem)	
WA	5/28 (Rep)	3/5 (Dem)	Bill to move primary date to March failed; Secretary of State has authority to advance date and may do so.
WV	5/14		
WI	3/19		
WY		3/23 (Dem) 5/4 (Rep Convention)	