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Gov. Christie Whitman Supports Bill to Move Primary to March

Gov. Christie Whitman today issued the following statement in support of A-184, sponsored by Assemblymen George Geist (R- Camden/Gloucester) and David Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic), which would move New Jersey's primary election to the first Tuesday in March:

"Moving New Jersey's primary from June to March will give the state's voters a stronger voice in selecting presidential candidates. Because of its lateness in the primary process, the leading candidates are often selected before New Jerseyans vote. An earlier primary will not only give us more influence in the process, but will encourage presidential primary candidates to address the issues that are important to the residents of this state. For these reasons, I support the legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Geist and Russo to move the state's primary date to the first Tuesday in March."