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House Bill 237, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 589.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 589**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Laws – Presidential Primaries and Conventions**

FOR the purpose of establishing the date for the presidential primary to be held in Maryland; conforming filing deadlines for district delegates to the national nominating conventions; enabling the Democratic State central committee to select at large delegates and district and at large alternates to the Democratic National Convention in accordance with its delegate selection plan; and generally relating to presidential primary elections and the selection of delegates to national conventions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 33 – Election Code  
Section 5–2(a), 12–2(b)(4) and (c) and 12–3  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1990 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 33 – Election Code**

5–2.

(a) The primary elections by the political parties for candidates for State offices and central committee shall be held throughout this State on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September. The primary elections by the political parties in each year in which a national convention is held for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice–President shall be held throughout this State on the [second] FIRST Tuesday in March. A special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress shall be held on such date as the Governor shall specify pursuant to § 22–1(b) of this article.