

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 933

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A RESOLUTION to express the intent of the General Assembly that Tennessee should hold the first presidential primary in the nation.

WHEREAS, no state should have a monopoly on the process of electing the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, limiting the process to the same two or three early-voting states each presidential election cycle is bad for democracy; and

WHEREAS, many presidential candidates often drop out of the race before the primaries are held in Tennessee, and the contenders spend a fraction of their time here compared to the traditional early-voting states; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are tired of being overlooked in this process and want a real voice; and

WHEREAS, it is time for Tennessee to influence and improve a flawed process; and

WHEREAS, our presidential nominating contest should begin in states that better reflect our nation as a whole, and Tennessee would be the perfect starting point for the process; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this General Assembly that Tennessee hold the first presidential primary in the nation in 2024; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee to change party rules to allow Tennessee to hold the first presidential primary in 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee.