To provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2007

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To provide for interregional primary elections and caucuses for the selection of delegates to political party Presidential nominating conventions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Interregional Presidential Primary and Caucus Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. INTERREGIONAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND CAUCUSES.

(a) SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS.—

The delegates to each national convention for the nomination of candidates of a political party for the offices of
President and Vice President shall be selected by primary
election or by caucus, as provided by State law. Such State
law shall conform to the requirements of the national po-
litical executive committee and the national nominating
convention of the political party involved.

(b) TIMING OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND CAU-
CUSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In each region described in
subsection (c), the primary elections and caucuses
(as the case may be) in a subregion (comprised of
a State or a group of States) shall be conducted on
each of the following days of each Presidential elec-
tion year: the second Tuesday in March, the first
Tuesday in April, the fourth Tuesday in April, the
second Tuesday in May, the fourth Tuesday in May,
and the second Tuesday in June.

(2) INITIAL ORDER OF PRIMARIES AND CAU-
CUSES.—For the first Presidential election with re-
spect to which this Act applies, the Election Assist-
ance Commission shall determine by lot the order of
subregions in each region for conduct of primary
elections and caucuses by the States under para-
graph (1).

(3) ORDER OF PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES FOR
SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS.—The subregions deter-
mined under paragraph (2) to be first in order for
the first Presidential election to which this Act ap-
plies shall be last in order with respect to the next
such election, and the other subregions shall advance
in the order accordingly. The order shall change
with respect to subsequent elections in a like man-
ner.

(4) Special rules for District of Colum-
bia, Puerto Rico, and territories.—Any pri-
mary election or caucus for the District of Columbia
shall be conducted on the same day as a primary
election or caucus for the State of Maryland. Any
primary election or caucus for the Commonwealth of
Puerto Rico shall be conducted on the same day as
a primary election or caucus for the State of Flor-
ida. Any primary election or caucus for any other
territory, possession, or other entity entitled under
the rules of a political party to delegate representa-
tion at the national convention of that party shall be
conducted on the same day as a primary election or
caucus for the States of Alaska and Hawaii.

(c) Establishment of Regions.—The regions
(designated by number) and the subregions (designated by
letter) referred to in subsection (b) are as follows:
(1) Region 1: (A) Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont; (B) Massachusetts; (C) Connecticut, Rhode Island; (D) Delaware, New Jersey; (E) New York; (F) Pennsylvania.

(2) Region 2: (A) Maryland; (B) West Virginia; (C) Missouri; (D) Indiana; (E) Kentucky; (F) Tennessee.

(3) Region 3: (A) Ohio; (B) Illinois; (C) Michigan; (D) Wisconsin; (E) Iowa; (F) Minnesota.

(4) Region 4: (A) Texas; (B) Louisiana; (C) Arkansas, Oklahoma; (D) Colorado; (E) Kansas, Nebraska; (F) Arizona, New Mexico.

(5) Region 5: (A) Virginia; (B) North Carolina; (C) South Carolina; (D) Florida; (E) Georgia; (F) Mississippi, Alabama.

(6) Region 6: (A) California; (B) Washington; (C) Oregon; (D) Idaho, Nevada, Utah; (E) Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming; (F) Hawaii, Alaska.

SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.

The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any appropriate United States district court for such declaratory or injunctive relief as may be necessary to carry out this Act.
SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.

The Election Assistance Commission shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 5. DEFINITION.

As used in this Act, the term “State law” means the law of a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States.

SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall apply with respect to Presidential elections taking place more than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.