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Dear Labor Leader:

This week, the Illinois Senate passed House Bill 426 – legislation that changes the Primary Election date from the third Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in February. Governor Blagojevich is expected to sign this bill in the very near future.

HB 426 permanently changes the Primary Election date beyond 2008.

For the 2008 Primary Election date on February 5, the following schedule applies:

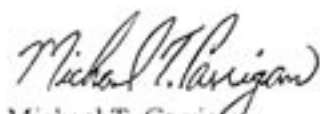
- Candidates may begin petition circulation on August 7, 2007;
- Candidates may file petitions with the State Board of Elections of the Local Election Authority between October 29 and November 5;
- Early voting will begin on January 14, 2008 and end on January 31, 2008.

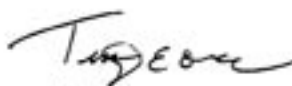
In addition to changing the Primary Election date, HB 426 also changes the dates for filing certain reports with the State Board of Elections for Political Action Committees.

The filing requirements for semi-annual D-2 reports are now July 20 of each year for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30 and on January 20 of each year for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31. Contributions of \$500 or more received by a Political Action Committee after January 1 through the Primary Election Day will be required to be reported to the State Board of Elections within two business days (was 28 days prior to the Primary Election).

The Illinois AFL-CIO will continue to update you on these important changes in State Election Law. If you have any questions please contact Illinois AFL-CIO Political Director, Bill Looby at 217/544-4014.

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