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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
To Develop Legislation Establishing a Presidential Primary'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Committee to meet. Resolved: That, by October 15, 2012 but no sooner than July 1, 2012, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall hold a meeting to consider options for legislation to establish a presidential primary in the State. The committee may work with the Secretary of State to develop the timeline for a presidential primary and to ensure compliance with existing state and federal law governing the conduct of elections and consult with representatives of political parties regarding party rules; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2012, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters shall complete its report detailing the options considered at its meeting held in accordance with section 1 and develop necessary implementing legislation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to establish a presidential primary to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet and develop legislation to be considered by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that establishes a presidential primary.