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**"AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PRIMARIES."**

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1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) Petition forms for candidacies for nomination to  
4 state office or district office, as defined in section 9-372 of the general  
5 statutes, shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning the  
6 first business day in June in even-numbered years. Any person who  
7 requests a petition form shall give the person's name and address and  
8 the name, address and office sought of each candidate for whom the  
9 petition is being obtained and shall file a statement signed by each  
10 such candidate that such candidate consents to be a candidate for such  
11 office. Each such candidate shall include on the statement of consent  
12 the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the  
13 ballot. Upon receiving such information and statement, the Secretary  
14 shall type or print on a petition form the name and address of each  
15 such candidate, the office sought and the political party holding the  
16 primary. The Secretary shall give to any person requesting such form

17 one or more petition pages, suitable for duplication, as the Secretary  
18 deems necessary. If the person is requesting the form on behalf of an  
19 indigent candidate or a group of indigent candidates listed on the  
20 same petition, the Secretary shall give the person the number of  
21 original pages that the person requests or the number which the  
22 Secretary deems sufficient. An original petition page filled in by the  
23 Secretary may be duplicated by or on behalf of the candidate or  
24 candidates listed on the page and signatures may be obtained on such  
25 duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same manner and shall  
26 be subject to the same requirements as original petition pages. All  
27 information relative to primary petitions shall be a public record.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) The petition form for candidacies for nomination  
29 to state or district office shall be prescribed and provided by the  
30 Secretary of the State, and signatures shall be obtained only on such  
31 form or on duplicate petition pages produced in accordance with the  
32 provisions of section 1 of this act. The form shall include a statement of  
33 instructions to persons using the form and shall indicate the date and  
34 time by which it shall be filed and the person with whom it shall be  
35 filed. The form shall provide spaces for the names and addresses of the  
36 candidates, the offices to which nomination is sought and the political  
37 party holding the primary, and shall provide lines for the signatures,  
38 street addresses and dates of birth of enrolled party members  
39 supporting the person or persons on behalf of whose candidacy the  
40 petition is used.

41 (b) Only as many candidates may be proposed in any one primary  
42 petition for the same office as are to be nominated by such party for  
43 such office, but any one primary petition may propose as many  
44 candidates for different offices as there are nominations to be made.

45 (c) The names of enrolled party members signing a primary petition  
46 may be on several pages, provided no person shall sign more than one  
47 petition page for the same candidate or candidates. Each such page  
48 shall indicate the candidate or candidates supported, the offices sought  
49 and the political party for which nomination is being sought. No page

50 of such a petition shall contain the names of enrolled party members  
51 residing in different municipalities and any petition page which has  
52 been certified by the registrars of two or more municipalities shall be  
53 rejected by the Secretary. Withdrawal of petition signatures shall not  
54 be permitted.

55 (d) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled  
56 party member of a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote in  
57 the primary for which such petition is being filed. Each petition page  
58 shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the municipality in  
59 which the circulator is an enrolled party member attesting that the  
60 circulator is an enrolled party member in the municipality and is  
61 entitled to vote in the primary for which the petition is being filed.  
62 Unless such a statement by the registrar appears on each page so  
63 submitted, the Secretary shall reject the page. Each separate page of the  
64 petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the  
65 signatures on the page and the number of such signatures, and shall be  
66 signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who  
67 circulated the page, setting forth the circulator's address and the town  
68 in which the circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that  
69 each person whose name appears on the page signed the petition in  
70 person in the presence of the circulator, that the circulator either  
71 knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified  
72 himself or herself to the circulator and that the spaces for candidates  
73 supported, offices sought and the political party involved were filled  
74 in prior to the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate page of the  
75 petition shall also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as  
76 provided in section 1-29 of the general statutes. The Secretary shall  
77 reject any page of a petition filed with the Secretary which does not  
78 contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of the  
79 signatures on the page, or upon which the statement of the circulator is  
80 incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification  
81 required under this section by the registrar of the town in which the  
82 circulator is an enrolled party member. Any individual proposed as a  
83 candidate in any primary petition may serve as a circulator of the

84 pages of the petition, provided the individual's service as circulator  
85 does not violate any provision of this section.

86 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) Upon the receipt of any page of a petition  
87 proposing a candidacy for a state or district office, the registrar shall  
88 forthwith sign and give to the person submitting the petition a receipt,  
89 in duplicate, stating the number of pages filed and the date and time of  
90 filing. The person or the candidate shall forthwith send one copy of the  
91 receipt to the Secretary of the State. The registrar shall indicate on each  
92 such petition page the date and time of filing, shall forthwith certify on  
93 each such page the number of signers of the page who were enrolled  
94 on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality  
95 or political subdivision, as the case may be, and shall forthwith file  
96 such certified page in person or by mail, as described in section 9-140b  
97 of the general statutes, with the Secretary within seven days after  
98 receipt of the page. In checking the signatures on primary petition  
99 pages, the registrar shall reject any name which does not appear on the  
100 last-completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality or  
101 political subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be  
102 indicated by placing a mark in a manner prescribed by the Secretary  
103 before the name rejected. The registrar may place a check mark before  
104 each name appearing on the enrollment list to indicate approval but  
105 shall place no other mark on the page except as provided in this act  
106 and in chapter 153 of the general statutes. The registrar shall not reject  
107 any name for which the street address on the petition is different from  
108 the street address on the enrollment list, if (1) such person is eligible to  
109 vote for the candidate or candidates named in the petition in the  
110 municipality of the registrar, and (2) the person's date of birth, as  
111 shown on the petition page, is the same as the date of birth on the  
112 person's registration record.

113 (b) Upon the filing of all pages of a petition, the Secretary shall reject  
114 any page of the petition which does not contain the certifications  
115 required in section 2 of this act or which the Secretary determines to  
116 have been circulated in violation of any provision of said section 2, and  
117 shall immediately cause the number of certified signatures to be

118 tabulated. Petitions filed with the Secretary shall be preserved for a  
119 period of three years and then may be destroyed.

120 Sec. 4. Section 9-383 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
121 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

122 The time and place of meeting of a state or district convention shall  
123 be fixed by the state central committee or other authority of the party  
124 holding such convention, in accordance with the rules of such party;  
125 provided each such convention held to endorse candidates for state or  
126 district office to be voted upon at a state election shall be convened not  
127 earlier than the [sixty-eighth] seventy-fourth day and closed not later  
128 than the [fiftieth] fifty-sixth day preceding the day of the [primary for  
129 such office] election.

130 Sec. 5. Section 9-400 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
131 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

132 (a) [Within fourteen days following the close of the state convention,  
133 a] A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office may  
134 be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon the  
135 last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality within  
136 the state and who has [received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of  
137 the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken  
138 on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such  
139 state office, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such  
140 office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, by the filing with  
141 the Secretary of the State, of a certificate, signed by such candidate and  
142 attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2) the  
143 secretary of the convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen  
144 per cent of such votes, and that he consents to be a candidate in a  
145 primary of such party for such state office. Such certificate shall specify  
146 the candidate's name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot, his full  
147 residence address and the title of the office for which his candidacy is  
148 being filed] circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least  
149 two per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state,

150 including at least one per cent of the enrolled members of such party  
151 from each congressional district, in accordance with the provisions of  
152 sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act. A single [such certificate] petition  
153 for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more candidates for  
154 different state offices who consent to have their names appear on a  
155 single row of the primary ballot label under subsection (b) of section 9-  
156 437, as amended by this act. Candidacies shall be filed by submitting  
157 said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the twenty-first day  
158 following the day on which petition forms are first made available, to  
159 the registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition  
160 pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such  
161 petition with the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of section  
162 3 of this act. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the [expiration  
163 of the fourteen-day period, if one] completion of the tabulation of  
164 petition signatures, if any, if two or more candidacies for such state  
165 office have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the  
166 Secretary of the State shall notify all town clerks in accordance with the  
167 provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be  
168 held in each municipality in accordance with the provisions of section  
169 9-415, as amended by this act.

170 (b) [Within fourteen days following the close of the district  
171 convention, a] A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a  
172 district office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name  
173 appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party within  
174 any municipality or part of a municipality forming a component part  
175 of such district and who has [received at least fifteen per cent of the  
176 votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call  
177 vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a  
178 candidate for such district office, whether or not the party-endorsed  
179 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,  
180 by the filing with the Secretary of the State of a certificate, signed by  
181 such candidate and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding  
182 officer, or (2) the secretary of the convention, that such candidate  
183 received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that he consents to

184 be a candidate in a primary of such party for such district office. Such  
185 certificate shall specify the candidate's name as he authorizes it to  
186 appear on the ballot, his full residence address and the title and district  
187 of the office for which his candidacy is being filed] circulated a petition  
188 and obtained the signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled  
189 members of such party in the district for the district office of  
190 representative in Congress, and at least five per cent of the enrolled  
191 members of such party in the district for the district offices of state  
192 senator, state representative and judge of probate, in accordance with  
193 the provisions of sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act. Candidacies shall  
194 be filed by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on  
195 the twenty-first day following the day on which petition forms are first  
196 made available, to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the  
197 respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each  
198 page of such petition with the secretary in accordance with the  
199 provisions of section 3 of this act. Except as provided in section 9-416a,  
200 upon the [expiration of the fourteen-day period, if one] completion of  
201 the tabulation of petition signatures, if any, if two or more candidacies  
202 for such district office have been filed pursuant to the provisions of  
203 this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town clerks within  
204 the district, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a  
205 primary for such district office shall be held in [any] each municipality  
206 [or] and each part of [any] a municipality within the district in  
207 accordance with the provisions of section 9-415, as amended by this  
208 act.

209 (c) For the purposes of this section, the number of enrolled members  
210 of a party shall be determined by the latest enrollment records in the  
211 office of the Secretary of the State prior to the earliest date that primary  
212 petitions were available.

213 (d) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies in  
214 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office  
215 facilities of the registrars of voters shall open not later than one o'clock  
216 p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and such  
217 registrars or the deputy or assistant registrars shall be present.

218 Sec. 6. Section 9-412 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
219 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

220 Upon the [filing] receipt of any page of a petition proposing a  
221 candidacy for a municipal office or for member of a town committee or  
222 delegates or district delegates to a convention, the registrar shall  
223 forthwith sign and give to the person [so] submitting [a page or pages  
224 of such] the petition a receipt, [indicating] stating the number of [such]  
225 pages [so submitted] filed and the date and time [when such pages  
226 were submitted] of filing and shall forthwith certify on each such  
227 [sheet] page the number of signers [thereon] of the page who were  
228 enrolled on the last-completed enrollment list of such party [and] in  
229 the municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be, and shall  
230 forthwith file such [sheet, so] certified page, with the clerk of the  
231 municipality, together with [his] the registrar's certificate as to the  
232 whole number of names on the last-completed enrollment list of such  
233 party in such municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be.  
234 In [the] checking [of] signatures on primary petition pages, the  
235 registrar shall reject any name if such name does not appear on the  
236 last-completed enrollment list in the municipality or political  
237 subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be indicated by  
238 [the] placing [of an "R"] a mark in a manner prescribed by the  
239 Secretary before the name so rejected. The registrar may place a check  
240 mark before each name appearing on [such] the enrollment list to  
241 indicate approval but shall place no other mark on [such] the page  
242 except as provided in this chapter. The registrar shall not reject any  
243 name for which the street address on the petition is different from the  
244 street address on the enrollment list, if (1) such person is eligible to  
245 vote for the candidate or candidates named in the petition, and (2) the  
246 person's date of birth, as shown on the petition page, is the same as the  
247 date of birth on the person's registration record. The registrar shall  
248 reject any page of a petition which does not contain the certifications  
249 provided in section 9-410, or which [is determined by said] the  
250 registrar determines to have been circulated in violation of any other  
251 provision [thereof] of section 9-410. Petitions filed with the municipal

252 clerk shall be preserved for a period of three years and then may be  
253 destroyed.

254 Sec. 7. Section 9-415 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
255 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

256 [If within the time specified in sections 9-400 and 9-405 a candidacy  
257 for nomination by a political party to a state, district or municipal  
258 office is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a party-  
259 endorsed candidate in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-400  
260 to 9-414, inclusive, or if within such time candidacies numbering at  
261 least twenty-five per cent of the number of town committee members  
262 to be elected by a party either in the municipality or in the political  
263 subdivision, as the case may be, are filed by or on behalf of persons  
264 other than party-endorsed candidates in conformity with the  
265 provisions of sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, or if within such time  
266 candidacies for election as delegates to a convention of a political party  
267 are filed by or on behalf of a slate of persons other than party-endorsed  
268 candidates in conformity with the provisions of said sections, a  
269 primary shall be held in each municipality of the state or district, or in  
270 the municipality or political subdivision thereof or senatorial district or  
271 assembly district or in each part of a municipality which is a  
272 component part of a senatorial or assembly district composed of parts  
273 of two towns or of a town or towns and a part or parts of another town  
274 or towns therein in which the nomination for municipal office is to be  
275 made or in which members of a town committee or delegates to a  
276 convention are to be elected, or in each municipality in the district in  
277 which district delegates to a convention are to be elected, as the case  
278 may be, to determine the nominee of such party for such office or to  
279 elect the members of the town committee or the delegates to the  
280 convention, except as provided in sections 9-416a, 9-418, 9-419 and 9-  
281 420.]

282 (a) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office  
283 is filed by or on behalf of any two or more persons within the time  
284 specified in subsection (a) of section 9-400, as amended by this act, and

285 in conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this  
286 act, a primary shall be held in each municipality of the state to  
287 determine the nominee of such party for such office, except as  
288 provided in section 9-416a.

289 (b) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district  
290 office is filed by or on behalf of any two or more persons within the  
291 time specified in subsection (b) of section 9-400, as amended by this  
292 act, and in conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended  
293 by this act, a primary shall be held in each municipality of the district  
294 and each part of a municipality which is a component part of the  
295 district, to determine the nominee of such party for such office, except  
296 as provided in section 9-416a.

297 (c) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a municipal  
298 office is filed by or on behalf of any two or more persons within the  
299 applicable time specified in section 9-405 and in conformity with the  
300 provisions of sections 9-405, 9-406, 9-406a, 9-409, 9-410 and 9-412, as  
301 amended by this act, and 9-414, a primary shall be held in the  
302 municipality or political subdivision thereof in which the nomination  
303 for municipal office is to be made, to determine the nominee of such  
304 party for such office, except as provided in section 9-418.

305 (d) If candidacies numbering at least twenty-five per cent of the  
306 number of town committee members to be elected by a party either in  
307 the municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, are  
308 filed by or on behalf of persons other than party-endorsed candidates  
309 within the time specified in section 9-405, and in conformity with the  
310 provisions of sections 9-405, 9-406, 9-406a, 9-409 to 9-412, inclusive, as  
311 amended by this act, and 9-414, a primary shall be held in the  
312 municipality or political subdivision thereof in which members of a  
313 town committee are to be elected, to elect the members of the town  
314 committee, except as provided in sections 9-419 and 9-421.

315 (e) If candidacies for election as delegates to a convention of a  
316 political party are filed by or on behalf of a slate of persons other than

317 party-endorsed candidates within the time specified in section 9-405  
318 and in conformity with the provisions of section 9-405, 9-406a to 9-410,  
319 inclusive, and 9-412, as amended by this act, a primary shall be held in  
320 the municipality or political subdivision of the municipality in which  
321 delegates to a convention are to be elected, or in each municipality in  
322 the district in which district delegates to a convention are to be elected,  
323 as the case may be, for the purpose of electing the delegates to the  
324 convention, except as provided in section 9-420.

325 Sec. 8. Section 9-416 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
326 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

327 (a) If [at a state or district convention no person other than a party-  
328 endorsed candidate has received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of  
329 the delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the  
330 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for a state or  
331 district office, or if] within the time specified in section 9-400, as  
332 amended by this act, [no candidacy] candidacies for nomination by a  
333 political party to [such] a state or district office [has] have not been  
334 filed by or on behalf of [a person other than a party-endorsed  
335 candidate] two or more persons in conformity with the provisions of  
336 [sections 9-400 to 9-414, inclusive] section 9-400, as amended by this  
337 act, no primary shall be held by such party for such office and the  
338 party-endorsed candidate for such office who is chosen at the  
339 convention shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen as the  
340 nominee of such party for such office.

341 (b) If a primary for a state or district office is held, at which ballots  
342 are cast by not less than forty per cent of the enrolled members of the  
343 party eligible to vote, and a single candidate receives a majority of the  
344 votes cast for such office, such candidate shall be the nominee of the  
345 party for that office and no convention shall be held with respect for  
346 that office.

347 Sec. 9. Section 9-433 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
348 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

349 [Upon the expiration of the fourteen-day period prescribed by  
350 section 9-400, and] After the deadline set forth in section 9-400, as  
351 amended by this act, for filing candidacies, and upon the completion of  
352 the tabulation of petition signatures, if any, if [one] two or more  
353 candidacies for nomination by a political party to a state or district  
354 office have been filed in accordance with the provisions of [said]  
355 section 9-400, as amended by this act, the Secretary of the State shall  
356 notify the clerk of each town within the state or within the district, as  
357 the case may be, that a primary is to be held by such party for the  
358 nomination of such party to such office. Such notice shall include a list  
359 of all the proposed candidates, [those endorsed by the convention as  
360 well as those filing candidacies,] together with their addresses and the  
361 titles of the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a  
362 statement that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. The clerk  
363 of each such town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published  
364 forthwith in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town,  
365 together with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be  
366 held, the hours during which the polls shall be open and the location  
367 of the polls.

368 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-437 of the general  
369 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

370 (a) At the top of each ballot label shall be printed the name of the  
371 party holding the primary, and each ballot label shall contain the  
372 names of all candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the  
373 names of delegates to conventions. The vertical columns shall be  
374 headed by the designation of the office or position and instructions as  
375 to the number for which an elector may vote for such office or position,  
376 in the same manner as a ballot label used in a regular election. The  
377 name of each candidate for town committee or municipal office, except  
378 for the municipal offices of state senator and state representative, shall  
379 appear on the ballot label as it appears on the registry list of such  
380 candidate's town of voting residence, except as provided in section 9-  
381 42a. The name of each candidate for state or district office or for the  
382 municipal offices of state senator or state representative shall appear

383 on the ballot as it appears on the certificate or statement of consent  
384 filed under section 9-388, [subsection (b) of section] 9-391, [or section]  
385 9-400, as amended by this act, [or] 9-409, or section 1 of this act. On the  
386 first horizontal line, below the designation of the office or position in  
387 each column, shall be placed the name of the [party-endorsed]  
388 candidate for such office or position, [such name to be marked with an  
389 asterisk] chosen by lot by the Secretary of the State; provided, where  
390 more than one person may be voted for for any office or position, the  
391 names of the [party-endorsed] candidates shall be arranged in  
392 alphabetical order from left to right under the appropriate office or  
393 position designation and shall continue, if necessary, from left to right  
394 on the next lower line or lines. [In the case of no party endorsement  
395 there shall be inserted the designation "no party endorsement" at the  
396 head of the vertical column, immediately beneath the designation of  
397 the office or position.] On the horizontal lines below the first line [for  
398 party-endorsed candidates] shall be placed, in the appropriate  
399 columns, the names of all other candidates as hereinafter provided.

400 (b) (1) In the case of two or more such candidates for the same state  
401 or district office, precedence as to row shall be determined by the  
402 alphabetical order of the surnames of such candidates, except as  
403 provided under subdivision (2) of this subsection. (2) If a single  
404 [certificate] petition has been filed under subsection (a) of section 9-  
405 400, as amended by this act, on behalf of two or more candidates and  
406 proposing one candidate for each state office to be contested at such  
407 primary, a single row shall be used for the names of such candidates  
408 and precedence as to row between such [certificates] petitions shall be  
409 determined by the Secretary of the State by lot in a ceremony which  
410 shall be open to the public. The names of all other candidates for state  
411 office shall be placed in the appropriate columns in alphabetical order  
412 on the rows below the row or rows used for candidates whose names  
413 are contained in such a single [certificate or certificates] petition or  
414 petitions.

415 Sec. 11. Section 9-35c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
416 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

417 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-238, 9-400, 9-406 and  
418 9-436 and other provisions of the general statutes, the names of electors  
419 on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be  
420 counted for purposes of computing the number of voting machines  
421 required and the number of petition signatures required. Each elector  
422 on such inactive registry list who, in the determination of the  
423 registrars, has signed a petition pursuant to the general statutes, giving  
424 the same address as appears on the inactive registry list, shall  
425 forthwith be placed on the active registry list compiled under said  
426 section 9-35. Each such elector shall be counted for purposes of future  
427 computations of the number of voting machines required and the  
428 number of signatures required on future petitions issued for other  
429 electoral events. The names of electors on the inactive registry list  
430 compiled pursuant to section 9-35 shall not be counted for purposes of  
431 computing the minimum percentage of the number of electors  
432 required in any charter or special act, if such charter or special act  
433 requires approval of a referendum by a minimum percentage of  
434 electors qualified on the last-completed registry list or has a similar  
435 requirement.

436 Sec. 12. Section 9-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
437 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

438 The primaries of all parties for nomination to a state office, a district  
439 office or the municipal office of state senator or state representative  
440 shall be held on the first Tuesday in August. The primaries of all  
441 parties for nomination to [an] any other office shall be held on the fifty-  
442 sixth day preceding the day of the election.

443 Sec. 13. Section 9-424 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
444 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

445 The day for holding primaries for the purpose of electing delegates  
446 to state and district conventions held to endorse candidates for office  
447 shall be the third Tuesday in [May] August. The day for holding  
448 primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to a state or district

449 convention held for any other purpose shall be the first Tuesday  
450 occurring on or after the fifty-eighth day prior to the convention.

451       Sec. 14. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002, and shall apply to  
452 primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 2002."