



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 127

LCO No. 1003

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF REDISTRICTING ON BALLOT ACCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-380 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

3 In the case of an office created after the last-preceding election, no
4 name of any candidate for such office shall be printed on the official
5 ballot except the name of a candidate nominated by a political party or
6 organization whose candidate for Governor at the last-preceding
7 election for governor received, under the designation of that political
8 party or organization at least twenty per cent of the whole number of
9 votes cast for all candidates for Governor, or at least one per cent of the
10 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor at such
11 election within the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of such
12 newly-created office, provided, upon the filing of a nominating
13 petition with the Secretary of the State as provided in sections 9-453a
14 to 9-453p, inclusive, as amended, signed by a number of qualified
15 electors equal to one per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all

16 candidates for Governor at the last-preceding election within the
17 geographical limits of the jurisdiction of such newly-created office, or
18 whenever the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of a newly-created
19 office differ from the geographical limits of a voting district or group
20 of voting districts as the same were constituted at the time of the last-
21 preceding election for Governor, signed by a number of qualified
22 electors equal to one per cent of the number of electors who voted at
23 the last regular election held in such municipality, or whenever the
24 geographical limits of the jurisdiction of a newly-created office contain
25 more than one town or parts of towns, signed by a number of qualified
26 electors equal to one per cent of the number of electors who voted at
27 the last regular election held in each town which is wholly or partially
28 contained within the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of the
29 newly-created office, such candidate with his party designation, if any,
30 shall be printed on the official ballot. As used in this section, the terms
31 "office created after the last-preceding election" and "newly-created
32 office" do not include an office for which the geographical limits of the
33 jurisdiction of the office have changed as result of redistricting.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2004

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a party that earns ballot access for an office does not lose such access due to redistricting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]