



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5205**

LCO No. 3168

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATIONS BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES FROM SINGLE TOWN DISTRICTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-391 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the  
5 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a  
6 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not  
7 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day  
8 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under  
9 this [section] subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State,  
10 in the case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state  
11 representative, or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any  
12 other municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, not later  
13 than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town  
14 committee meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a

15 certificate of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of  
16 the State or the town clerk, as the case may be, by such time, such  
17 party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418, as amended by this  
18 act, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any  
19 endorsement of any candidate for such office. The candidate so  
20 endorsed for a municipal office to be voted upon at a state election,  
21 other than the office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary  
22 of the State or the town clerk, as the case may be, a certificate, signed  
23 by that candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the  
24 candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot,  
25 the candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office  
26 for which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate shall be attested  
27 by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town  
28 committee, caucus or convention which made such endorsement. The  
29 endorsement of candidates for the office of justice of the peace shall be  
30 certified to the clerk of the municipality by the chairman or presiding  
31 officer and the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention,  
32 and shall contain the name and street address of each person so  
33 endorsed and the title of the office for which each such person is  
34 endorsed.

35 Sec. 2. Section 9-418 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

37 (a) If within the time specified in section 9-391, as amended by this  
38 act, a party has failed, with respect to the office of state senator or state  
39 representative, to certify to the Secretary of the State, or with respect to  
40 any other municipal office to be filled, to certify to the clerk of the  
41 municipality, the name of any person as a party-endorsed candidate,  
42 and if within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for  
43 nomination to such office is filed in conformity with the provisions of  
44 sections 9-400 to 9-414, inclusive, by not more than one person, no  
45 primary shall be held by such party for such office and the person  
46 filing such candidacy shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen as  
47 the nominee of such party for such office.

48 (b) If within the time specified in section 9-391, a party has failed,  
49 with respect to any municipal office to be filled by two or more  
50 persons, to certify to the clerk of the municipality names of persons as  
51 party-endorsed candidates equal in number to the number of persons  
52 to be nominated to such office, and if within the time specified in  
53 section 9-405, a candidacy or candidacies for nomination to such office  
54 are filed in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-400 to 9-414,  
55 inclusive, by a number of persons not more than the number for which  
56 the party has failed to certify names, no primary shall be held by such  
57 party for such office, and each of the party-endorsed candidates and  
58 each of the persons filing such candidacies shall be deemed to have  
59 been lawfully chosen as the nominees of such party for such office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	9-391(c)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	9-418

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require certifications of endorsement of candidates for nomination to General Assembly offices from single town districts to be filed with the Secretary of the State, instead of with municipal clerks. Because certifications for multitown General Assembly district offices are currently required to be filed with the Secretary of the State, this would make the filing location uniform for all endorsed General Assembly candidates.

*[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.]*

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