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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING INCLUSION OF MAJOR PARTY OPTIONS ON VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2006*):

4 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to
5 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
6 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,
7 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,
8 whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an
9 elector are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, and whether he
10 has previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any
11 other state. Each such applicant shall present his birth certificate,
12 drivers' license or Social Security card to the admitting official for
13 inspection at the time of application. Notwithstanding the provisions
14 of any special act or charter to the contrary, the application form shall
15 also, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, provide for

16 application for enrollment in any political party, including a list of the
17 names of the major parties, as defined in section 9-372, as options for
18 the applicant. The form shall indicate that such enrollment is not
19 mandatory.

20 Sec. 2. Section 9-23h of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2006*):

22 The application provided for in section 9-23g shall provide spaces
23 for the following information for each applicant: (1) Name, (2) bona
24 fide residence, including street number, street address, apartment
25 number if applicable, town and zip code, (3) telephone number, (4)
26 date of birth, (5) whether the applicant is registered as an elector in any
27 other town in the state of Connecticut or in any other state, and if so,
28 the applicant's last previous voting residence, (6) whether the
29 applicant is a United States citizen, (7) whether the applicant will be
30 eighteen years of age on or before election day, (8) party affiliation, if
31 any, (9) the applicant's signature and date of signature, and (10) the
32 applicant's Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license number or, if
33 none, the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number. The
34 spaces for the applicant's telephone number and party affiliation shall
35 indicate that such information does not have to be provided. The space
36 for the applicant's party affiliation shall also include a list of the names
37 of the major parties, as defined in section 9-372, as options for the
38 applicant. The spaces regarding United States citizenship and whether
39 the applicant will be eighteen years of age on or before election day
40 shall indicate that if the applicant answers "No" to either question, the
41 applicant may not complete the voter registration form. No Social
42 Security number on any such form filed prior to January 1, 2000, may
43 be disclosed to the public or to any governmental agency. The
44 application shall contain a notice that if the applicant does not receive
45 a notice of acceptance or rejection of the application from the office of
46 the registrars of voters for the municipality in which the applicant
47 resides, the applicant should contact said office. The application shall
48 also contain any other information, questions or instructions

49 prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2006	9-20(a)
Sec. 2	January 1, 2006	9-23h

Statement of Purpose:

To require the voter registration application forms to list the names of the major parties as options for applicants.

[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.]