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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING VACANCIES IN CONGRESS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 9-450 of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (1) In the case of nominations for representatives in Congress and
5 judges of probate in probate districts composed of two or more towns,
6 provided for in sections 9-212 and 9-218, if the writs of election are
7 issued by the Governor on or before the [twenty-first] first day of May
8 in an even-numbered year and the election is to be held on the day of
9 the state election in such year, the state central committee or other
10 authority of each party shall, not later than the [twenty-fourth] fourth
11 day of May in such year, publish notice of the date for the selection of
12 delegates to the [state or] district convention to designate the party-
13 endorsed candidate for the office to be filled. Such selection shall be
14 made not [earlier than the fifty-sixth day after publication of such
15 notice and not] later than the [fifth] day before the convention. If such
16 writs of election are issued after the [twenty-first] first day of May in

17 such year, or if the election is to be held on any day other than the day
18 of the state election, the day scheduled for the election shall be not
19 earlier than the [ninety-first] one hundred fiftieth day following the
20 day on which such writs of election are issued. The state central
21 committee or other authority of each party shall, not later than the
22 [eighty-fourth] one hundred forty-fifth day preceding the day of the
23 election, publish notice of the day for the selection of delegates to the
24 [state or] district convention to designate the party-endorsed candidate
25 for the office to be filled, which day shall be not earlier than the
26 [twenty-eighth] ninety-fifth day following such publication and not
27 later than the [fifty-sixth] ninetieth day preceding the day of the
28 election. The selected delegates to such convention shall be certified to
29 the town clerks not later than the [twenty-first] eighty-ninth day
30 preceding the day of such [primary] election. The state or district
31 convention shall be convened not earlier than the [fifth day following
32 such primary] eighty-fifth day and closed not later than the [forty-
33 ninth] eightieth day preceding the day of the election. [Contesting
34 candidacies] Petition forms for candidacies for nomination by a
35 political party shall be available from the Secretary of the State
36 beginning on the eighty-fifth day preceding the day of the election.
37 Candidacies for nomination to the office to be filled shall be filed by
38 submitting either (A) a certification that such candidate has received at
39 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present
40 and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement of a
41 candidate, or (B) by submitting primary petition pages to the Secretary
42 of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the [fifth] fourteenth day
43 following the close of such convention. The Secretary of the State shall
44 fix the day for the primary of each party for the nomination to the
45 office to be filled, which day shall be not earlier than the twenty-first
46 day following the close of such convention and not later than the
47 twenty-first day preceding the day of the election.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-450(1)
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Statement of Purpose:

To make conforming changes in the special election process for representatives in Congress in accordance with the new direct primary law.

[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.]