



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5977**

LCO No. 4740

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES ON THE BALLOT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-249a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) The names of the parties shall be arranged on the machines in  
4 the following order:

5 (1) The party [whose candidate for Governor polled the highest  
6 number of votes in the last-preceding election] who had the greatest  
7 number of enrolled members on the day of the last-preceding election;

8 (2) Other parties who had [candidates for Governor in] enrolled  
9 members on the day of the last-preceding election, in descending  
10 order, according to the number of [votes polled for each such  
11 candidate] enrolled members of each such party;

12 [(3) Minor parties who had no candidate for Governor in the last-  
13 preceding election;]

14 [(4)] (3) Petitioning candidates with party designation whose names  
15 are contained in petitions approved pursuant to section 9-453o; [,] and

16 [(5)] (4) Petitioning candidates with no party designation whose  
17 names are contained in petitions approved pursuant to section 9-453o.

18 (b) Within [each of subdivisions] subdivision (3) [and (4)] of  
19 subsection (a) of this section, the following rules shall apply in the  
20 following order:

21 (1) Precedence shall be given to the party any of whose candidates  
22 seeks an office representing more people than are represented by any  
23 office sought by any candidate of any other party;

24 (2) A party having prior sequence of office as set forth in section 9-  
25 251 shall be given precedence; [,] and

26 (3) Parties shall be listed in alphabetical order.

27 (c) Within subdivision [(5)] (4) of subsection (a) of this section,  
28 candidates shall be listed according to the provisions of section 9-453r.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	9-249a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create an equitable means to determine ballot placement and to encourage parties to register more voters.

*[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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