



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5981**

LCO No. 4734

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATION OF THE WAITING PERIOD FOR  
THE SWITCHING OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 Any elector whose name appears on any enrollment list or who has  
4 made application for enrollment may, at any time, make a written  
5 application, on an application form for admission as an elector, which  
6 shall be signed by such elector, to either registrar for erasure of his  
7 name from such list or for transfer of his name to the enrollment list of  
8 another party. If an elector makes an application for erasure, his name  
9 shall be erased from said enrollment list and, if a municipality is  
10 having a primary in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote,  
11 under section 9-431, such elector's name shall be placed on the list of  
12 unaffiliated electors together with the date he is eligible to vote in a  
13 primary. If an elector makes an application for transfer, his name shall  
14 be transferred to the enrollment list of another party, together with the  
15 effective date of such transfer. Any elector whose name has been

16 transferred from one enrollment list to another or who has applied for  
 17 erasure or transfer of his name from an enrollment list shall not be  
 18 entitled to participate or vote in a caucus or primary of any party,  
 19 participate in the appointment of members to any board or  
 20 commission that is political in nature, be appointed as a member of  
 21 any board or commission that is political in nature or be entitled to the  
 22 privileges accompanying enrollment in any party for a period of three  
 23 months from the date of the filing of his application for transfer or for  
 24 erasure. Any elector who removes his name from the registry list and  
 25 from an enrollment list in accordance with the provisions of section 9-  
 26 35b shall not be entitled to enroll in any political party or vote in any  
 27 primary for three months after such removal. The registrars of voters  
 28 shall state, on the notice of acceptance sent under sections 9-23g, 9-19b  
 29 and 9-19e, the date enrollment privileges take effect, if delayed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	9-59

**Statement of Purpose:**

To better define party affiliation and waiting periods after switching parties in order to prevent abuse of the 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.]*

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