



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1184**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE  
PRIMARY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-464 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 On the first Tuesday in [March] February of each year in which the  
4 President of the United States is to be elected, each party shall conduct  
5 a primary in each town if the names of two or more candidates are to  
6 be placed on such party's ballot in accordance with the provisions of  
7 this chapter.

8 Sec. 2. Section 9-466 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10 The secretary shall, at ten o'clock a.m. on the [seventy-fourth]  
11 seventy-eighth day preceding the day of the primary, publicly  
12 announce a list of candidates whose names are to be placed on the  
13 ballot of each party at such primary pursuant to subsection (a) of  
14 section 9-465. Forthwith upon announcing such list, said secretary  
15 shall notify each such candidate, by registered mail with return receipt  
16 requested, that his name will be included on the ballot unless he files  
17 with the secretary, not later than [four] twelve o'clock p.m. of the  
18 [thirty-sixth] fortieth day before the primary, a written request, signed

19 by the candidate, to the following effect: "I request that my name be  
20 omitted from the ballot at Connecticut's forthcoming .... (name of  
21 party) presidential preference primary". The name of any candidate  
22 who files a request as provided by this section, within the time  
23 specified, shall be omitted from the ballot, but no such withdrawal  
24 shall be honored if it is received later than the time specified by this  
25 section.

26 Sec. 3. Section 9-467 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

28 On or after twelve o'clock noon of the [seventy-fourth] seventy-  
29 eighth day preceding the day of the primary, any person seeking the  
30 nomination of a party for President, whose name is not included in the  
31 list of candidates announced by the secretary pursuant to section 9-466,  
32 as amended by this act, or any person advocating the nomination of  
33 such person, by such party, may obtain petition pages from the  
34 secretary in the manner provided by this section. Such pages shall be  
35 in a form prescribed by the secretary and shall conform, as nearly as  
36 may be, to the requirements for primary petition forms provided in  
37 section 9-410. Any person requesting the petition pages shall give to  
38 the secretary, in writing, his name and address, the name and address  
39 of the candidate for whom the petition is to be circulated and the party  
40 holding the primary, and shall also file, or cause to be filed, with said  
41 secretary a written statement, signed by such candidate, to the effect  
42 that he consents to the inclusion of his name on the primary ballot of  
43 such party. Upon completion of these requirements, the secretary shall  
44 give to the person so requesting such petition pages [a number of  
45 pages sufficient to contain at least two times the number of signatures  
46 required in accordance with the provisions of section 9-469] one  
47 petition page, suitable for duplication. If the person is requesting the  
48 form on behalf of an indigent candidate, the secretary shall give the  
49 person the number of original pages that such person requests or the  
50 number of original pages that the secretary deems to be sufficient. The  
51 secretary shall also fill in on each petition page the name and address  
52 of the candidate, the words "nomination for President of the United

53 States" as the designation of the office sought, and the name of the  
54 party conducting the primary.

55 Sec. 4. Section 9-468 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

57 Except as hereinafter provided, such petitions shall be circulated,  
58 filed with the registrars of voters, and verified by said registrars, as  
59 nearly as may be, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-410  
60 and 9-412. Each page of such a petition shall be filed with the registrar  
61 of voters of the party holding the primary in the town of voting  
62 residence of the signers thereof, not later than four o'clock p.m. of the  
63 [forty-sixth] fiftieth day preceding the day of the primary; and such  
64 registrar shall verify the signatures on each such page and forward it  
65 to the secretary not later than four o'clock p.m. of the [forty-second]  
66 forty-sixth day preceding the day of the primary. If, prior to such last  
67 day for filing such pages with the registrar, such a petition was issued  
68 under section 9-467, as amended by this act, the office or office  
69 facilities of each registrar of such party in each town shall open not  
70 later than one o'clock p.m. and remain open until at least four o'clock  
71 p.m., and each such registrar or his deputy assistant registrar shall be  
72 present therein.

73 Sec. 5. Section 9-472 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
74 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

75 If, after determination of the order of candidates on the ballot, a  
76 candidate dies, his name shall not appear on such ballot; provided that  
77 the position of each remaining candidate on the ballot shall not be  
78 altered by the deletion of such name. [The voting machine candidate  
79 pointer over any blank space on the ballot resulting from the deletion  
80 of such name shall be locked so that no vote shall be registered for  
81 such position.] The secretary may authorize the use of blank stickers  
82 on the ballot by town clerks in order to comply with the provisions of  
83 this section.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-464
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-466
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-467
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-468
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-472

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