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Substitute House Bill No. 5964

House of Representatives, March 25, 2009

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CROSS-ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PURPOSES OF MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 9-167a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (g) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be a
5 member of the political party on whose enrollment list his name
6 appears on the date of his appointment to, or of his nomination as a
7 candidate for election to, any office specified in subsection (a) of this
8 section, provided: [any] (1) Any person who has applied for erasure or
9 transfer of his name from an enrollment list shall be considered a
10 member of the party from whose list he has so applied for erasure or
11 transfer for a period of three months from the date of the filing of such
12 application, (2) for any election in which a candidate was cross-
13 endorsed by two or more political parties, such cross-endorsed

14 candidate shall be considered a member of the political party from
 15 which he or she received the highest total number of votes on such
 16 party line for the office sought, and [provided further] (3) any person
 17 whose candidacy for election to an office is solely as the candidate of a
 18 party other than the party with which he is enrolled shall be deemed to
 19 be a member of the party of which he is such candidate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-167a(g)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The provision was redrafted as an amendment to subsection (g) of section 9-167a for purposes of accuracy.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which clarifies language regarding party endorsement, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5964*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CROSS-ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR PURPOSES OF MINORITY REPRESENTATION.*****SUMMARY:**

Under this bill, a candidate for membership on a board, commission, or similar body who is cross-endorsed by at least two political parties and wins the election is, for purposes of minority representation, considered a member of the political party from which he or she receives the most votes, regardless of the party in which he or she is an enrolled member. The bill's legal effect is unclear since the minority representation law, unchanged by the bill, deems members of these bodies to be members of the political party in which they are enrolled on the date of their appointment, regardless of endorsements (CGS § 9-167a (g)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Minority Representation Law***

The minority representation law restricts the maximum number of members of one political party who can serve on most state and local boards and commissions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 2 (03/06/2009)