



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6532

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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 Section 9-464 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 July 1, 2011*):

3 On the first Tuesday in [February] March 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 Section 9-466 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 July 1, 2011*):

10 The secretary shall, at ten o'clock a.m. on the [seventy-eighth]
11 seventy-fourth 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 twelve o'clock p.m. of the [fortieth]
18 thirty-sixth day before the primary, a written request, signed by the

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

25 Sec. 3. Section 9-467 of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

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

52 Sec. 4. Section 9-468 of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

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

70 Sec. 5. Section 9-469 of the general statutes is repealed and the
71 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

72 The secretary shall complete tabulation of the signatures on such
73 petitions not later than the [~~thirty-sixth~~] forty-sixth day preceding the
74 day of the primary. The secretary shall place on the ballot of each party
75 at the primary the name of each candidate whose petition has been
76 signed by a number of enrolled members of such party equal to at least
77 one per cent of the total number of enrolled members of such party in
78 the state, according to the most recent enrollment records on file in the
79 office of the secretary. No candidate who has filed a statement of
80 consent pursuant to the provisions of section 9-467, as amended by this
81 act, and whose name is placed on the ballot pursuant to the provisions
82 of this section shall be permitted to withdraw his name from such
83 ballot.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	9-464
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	9-466
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	9-467
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	9-468
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	9-469

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