



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5532

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. MORIN of the 28th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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] such
6 person's name appears on the date of [his] such person's appointment
7 to, or of [his] such person's nomination as a candidate for election to,
8 any office specified in subsection (a) of this section, provided: [any] (1)
9 Any person who has applied for erasure or transfer of [his] such
10 person's name from an enrollment list shall be considered a member of
11 the party from whose list [he] such person has so applied for erasure
12 or transfer for a period of three months from the date of the filing of
13 such application, (2) for any election in which a candidate was cross-

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

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes a change concerning minority representation on certain boards and commissions, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5532

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SUMMARY:

For minority representation purposes, this bill requires that a cross-endorsed candidate be considered a member of the party on whose ballot line he or she receives the most votes. Under current law, a cross-endorsed candidate is considered a member of the party in which he or she is enrolled, regardless of how many votes he or she receives on its ballot line.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Minority Representation

The minority representation law restricts the maximum number of members of one political party who can serve on certain state and municipal boards and commissions. Once candidates from the same political party fill the maximum allowable slots, the highest vote getters from any other party or parties, or unaffiliated candidates, fill the remaining positions. The table below provides the minority representation requirement.

<i>Total Membership</i>	<i>Maximum from One Party</i>
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5
9	6
More than 9	Two-thirds of total membership

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 1 (03/29/2012)