



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5532

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that for the purposes of minority representation a candidate who is cross-endorsed will be considered a member of the political party from which the candidate received the highest number of votes, based on which party line the votes are cast.

[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.]