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Re: Act Concerning Cross Endorsement

Endorsement of political candidates is a fundamental right of political parties. The opportunity to do so is a fundamental aspect of political freedom.

To operate meaningfully as a political party, such parties must have the operating ability to get, choose and endorse candidates whose policy and political views echo those of the endorsing party. The obvious effect of the proposed legislation would be to significantly curtail these important substantive rights.

To mechanically restrict this power based upon party affiliation alone would represent the exaltation of form over substance. One wondered what legitimate purpose can be served by such an encroachment of our rights. The current effort smacks of gerrymandering for political gain rather than a legitimate attempt to reform the process.

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