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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-391 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
5 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a
6 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members
7 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the
8 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of
9 such primary. In the case of an endorsement of a candidate for a
10 municipal office of state senator or state representative, such
11 endorsement may be made of a candidate whose name appears upon
12 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
13 municipality or political subdivision within which such candidate is to
14 run for nomination. The endorsement shall be certified to the clerk of
15 the municipality by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2)

16 the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention, as the case
17 may be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the forty-eighth day
18 preceding the day of such primary. Such certification shall be signed
19 by such candidate and contain the name and street address of each
20 person so endorsed, the title of the office or the position as committee
21 member and the name or number of the political subdivision or
22 district, if any, for which each such person is endorsed. If such a
23 certificate of a party's endorsement is not received by the town clerk by
24 such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes
25 of sections 9-417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be deemed to have neither
26 made nor certified such endorsement of any candidate for such office.

27 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall
28 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier
29 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-
30 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or
31 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the
32 municipality by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of
33 the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four
34 o'clock p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day
35 of such primary. Each such certification shall be signed by each person
36 so selected and contain the name and street address of each such
37 person, [so selected,] the position as delegate, and the name or number
38 of the political subdivision or district, if any, for which each such
39 person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's selection is not
40 received by the town clerk by such time, such certificate shall be
41 invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-420, shall
42 be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection of any
43 person for the position of delegate.

44 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
45 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
46 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not
47 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day
48 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under

49 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State, in the
50 case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,
51 or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any other municipal
52 office to be voted upon at a state election, not later than four o'clock
53 p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town committee
54 meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a certificate
55 of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of the State or
56 the town clerk, as the case may be, by such time, such certificate shall
57 be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418,
58 shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any endorsement of
59 any candidate for such office. The candidate so endorsed for a
60 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, other than the
61 office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary of the State or
62 the town clerk, as the case may be, a certificate, signed by that
63 candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's
64 name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the
65 candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office for
66 which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by a
67 candidate whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment
68 list of such party within the senatorial district within which the
69 candidate is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the
70 municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district within which
71 a person is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal
72 office of state representative, or the municipality or political
73 subdivision within which a person is to run for nomination for other
74 municipal offices to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate
75 shall be attested by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary
76 of the town committee, caucus or convention which made such
77 endorsement. The endorsement of candidates for the office of justice of
78 the peace shall be certified to the clerk of the municipality by the
79 chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee,
80 caucus or convention, and shall contain the name and street address of
81 each person so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such
82 person is endorsed.

83 Sec. 2. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

85 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall
86 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations,
87 as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second day prior to
88 the day of the election at which such candidates are to be voted for. A
89 list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes each
90 candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the
91 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each
92 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each
93 candidate is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the
94 committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination and
95 shall be filed by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State,
96 in the case of state or district office or the municipal office of state
97 representative, state senator or judge of probate, or with the clerk of
98 the municipality, in the case of municipal office, not later than the
99 sixty-second day prior to the day of the election. The registrars of
100 voters of such municipality shall promptly verify and correct the
101 names on any such list filed with [him] the registrar, or the names of
102 nominees forwarded to the clerk of the municipality by the Secretary
103 of the State, in accordance with the registry list of such municipality
104 and endorse the same as having been so verified and corrected. For
105 purposes of this section, a list of nominations shall be deemed to be
106 filed when it is received by the Secretary or clerk, as appropriate. If the
107 Secretary of the State or the town clerk, as appropriate, does not
108 receive a party's certificate of the party's nomination on or before the
109 sixty-second day prior to the election at which any such candidate is to
110 be voted for, such certificate shall be invalid for the party and such
111 party, for purposes of sections 9-262, 9-460 and 9-461, shall be deemed
112 to have neither made nor certified any nomination of any candidate for
113 such office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-391
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-452

Statement of Purpose:

To establish parity between major party candidates and minor party candidates regardless of whether they are a candidate for state or municipal office.

[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.]