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LCO No. 1710



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT
LISTS AND DENIAL OF PRIVILEGES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The registrars of voters in each municipality in which an enrollment
4 session is to be held shall give notice of such session, and of the
5 purpose, day, hours and place thereof, by publication in a newspaper
6 published in or having a circulation in such municipality, not more
7 than fifteen nor less than five days before such session. Nothing in this
8 section shall require that such publication be in the form of a legal
9 advertisement. In each municipality divided into voting districts, any
10 session for enrollment in such municipality may, if the registrars of
11 voters so decide, be held in each such district by assistant registrars of
12 voters appointed under section 9-192, provided the registrars of voters
13 in the notice shall specify the place in each such district in which such
14 session is to be held. When such a session is so held in each such

15 district by such assistant registrars of voters, within forty-eight hours
16 after the close of each of such sessions, each of such assistant registrars
17 of voters shall deliver to the registrar of whom he is the appointee a
18 true and attested list or lists, as made by such assistant registrars of
19 voters at such session, showing all enrollments and corrections, if any,
20 [by them made, together with a list of all applications rejected under
21 the provisions of sections 9-60 and 9-63] made by them.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
24 *passage*):

25 (e) The registrars of voters shall make available for public use such
26 list in the office of the registrars of voters until the printing of the next
27 completed enrollment list; and they shall deliver to the chairman of the
28 town committee of each political party copies of each such list for each
29 voting district in the town. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in
30 their office, such list shall be available at another municipal office.
31 Upon request, the registrars of voters shall give one complete set of
32 such lists to each candidate for nomination for any office or for election
33 as a town committee member. The registrars of voters shall deliver a
34 sufficient number of copies thereof to the moderator of each primary.
35 [No petition brought under the provisions of section 9-63 shall operate
36 to delay the completion and printing of such lists. If the petition of any
37 elector is granted after any such list has been completed, the registrars
38 of voters or assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall issue
39 to such elector a certificate showing that the elector is entitled to the
40 privileges accompanying enrollment in the political party named in the
41 elector's petition.]

42 Sec. 3. Section 9-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

44 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name
45 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list

46 under section 9-59, [9-60, 9-61 or 9-62,] any elector not enrolled on any
47 enrollment list may at any time make a written and signed application
48 for enrollment to the registrars of voters on an application form for
49 admission as an elector, in accordance with the requirements of this
50 section. The application shall be effective as of the date it is filed with
51 the registrars of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and
52 any person making application for enrollment in such manner shall
53 immediately be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the
54 application for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with
55 the registrars of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last business
56 day before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the
57 privileges of party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is
58 otherwise filed with the registrar after the fifth day before the primary,
59 in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment
60 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or
61 (3) is filed with the registrars of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the last
62 business day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall be
63 entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the
64 caucus or convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by
65 the registrar, deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by
66 such other personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for [the]
67 such purpose, showing the date when such application is received and,
68 in the case of an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59
69 [9-60, 9-61 or 9-62] to the privileges accompanying enrollment in the
70 party named in his application, the date upon which such applicant
71 becomes so eligible. In municipalities divided into voting districts in
72 which an enrollment session is held in each district thereof under
73 section 9-51, application for enrollment shall be made to the registrar
74 or assistant registrar, as the case may be, in the voting district in which
75 such elector is entitled to vote at the time of making such application.
76 If any registrar or assistant registrar fails to add any name to any such
77 list on written application or adds any name to any such list except as
78 [herein provided, he] provided in this section, such registrar or
79 assistant registrar shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

80 Sec. 4. Section 9-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the
81 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

82 The following persons shall be guilty of primary or enrollment
83 violations: (1) Any person unlawfully voting or participating or
84 attempting to vote or participate in any primary in which he is not
85 eligible to vote or participate; (2) in towns divided into voting districts,
86 any elector who registers or votes at any primary in a voting district
87 other than the district in which such elector is legally entitled to vote at
88 the time of such primary; (3) any elector who signs the name of
89 another to a written application to register, without the knowledge and
90 consent of the person whose name is signed thereto, or who falsely
91 represents the contents of any written or printed form of application
92 for enrollment with intent to secure the application of an elector for
93 enrollment upon a list other than that of his true political preference;
94 (4) any registrar or deputy registrar of voters who fails to hold sessions
95 as provided in sections 9-51 and 9-53, as amended by this act, or who
96 fails to register an elector upon the oral or written application for
97 enrollment of such elector, except as provided by law, or who fails to
98 erase an elector's name as provided in section 9-59 or who registers
99 any elector upon an enrollment list other than that declared by such
100 elector in his application as his political preference, or who removes or
101 erases the name of any elector from any enrollment list except as
102 provided by law; [(5) any person who fails to properly serve any notice
103 or citation required by sections 9-60 and 9-61 when directed so to do
104 by any registrar or deputy registrar, or who makes any false return as
105 to any such notice or citation; and (6)] and (5) any moderator of a
106 primary of the enrolled electors of a specified party, such primary
107 being legally called for the nomination of candidates for any public
108 elective office, who fails to comply with the requirements of chapter
109 153. The penalty for any such violation shall be a class D misdemeanor,
110 except that any person found to have violated subdivision (1) or (2) of
111 this section shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be
112 disfranchised.

113 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2016 supplement to
114 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
115 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

116 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
117 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the
118 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-
119 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, [9-63,] 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-
120 198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g,
121 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section
122 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-
123 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-
124 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-
125 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
126 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,
127 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)
128 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,
129 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a, 14-66b
130 or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-
131 80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152,
132 14-153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of
133 section 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said
134 section, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-249, 14-
135 250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264,
136 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) or (h)
137 of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-319, 14-320, 14-
138 321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of
139 section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97,
140 subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22,
141 subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149,
142 17a-152, 17a-465, 17a-642, 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137 or 17b-734,
143 subsection (b) of section 17b-736, section 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
144 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107,
145 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297,

146 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425,
147 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-
148 341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-30, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-
149 47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-
150 21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or
151 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63
152 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154,
153 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, subsection (a) of
154 section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-
155 29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-
156 39e, 22-49, 22-54, subsection (d) of section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-
157 99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a,
158 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section 22-
159 359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246,
160 subsection (a) of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
161 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
162 section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
163 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
164 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-16, 26-18, 26-
165 19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-31c, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56,
166 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section
167 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91,
168 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-
169 132, 26-138 or 26-141, subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 26-
170 142a, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 26-157b, subdivision
171 (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a,
172 subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232, 26-244,
173 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294, 28-13, 29-
174 6a, 29-25, 29-109, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e) or
175 (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of
176 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section
177 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-
178 11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-
179 36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,

180 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,
181 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,
182 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-
183 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,
184 section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-
185 133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e,
186 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of
187 section 53-344b, or section 53-450, or (2) a violation under the
188 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted
189 in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410,
190 or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town,
191 city or borough, except violations of building codes and the health
192 code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed
193 two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
194 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
195 pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this
196 section.

197 Sec. 6. Section 51-274 of the general statutes is repealed and the
198 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

199 All special acts or provisions thereof inconsistent with this chapter
200 and with sections 1-1a, 2-5, 2-40, 2-61, 5-164, 5-189, 7-80, 8-12, [9-63,] 9-
201 258, 9-368, 12-154, 14-141, 14-142, 18-65, 18-73, 19a-220, 21a-96, 29-13,
202 29-362, 30-105, 30-107, 30-111, 35-22, 46b-120, 46b-133, 46b-160, 47a-23,
203 47a-28, 47a-35, 47a-37, 49-61, 49-62, 51-6a, 51-9, 51-15, 51-27, 51-30, 51-
204 33, 51-34, 51-36, 51-48, 51-49, 51-50, 51-51, 51-52, 51-59, 51-72, 51-73, 51-
205 78, 51-95, 51-183b, 51-183d, 51-183f, 51-183g, 51-215a, 51-229, 51-232,
206 51-237 and 51-241, subsection (a) of section 51-243 and sections 51-247,
207 51-347, 52-45a, 52-45b, 52-46, 52-97, 52-112, 52-139, 52-193, 52-194, 52-
208 196, 52-209, 52-212, 52-215, 52-226, 52-240, 52-257, 52-258, 52-261, 52-
209 263, 52-268, 52-270, 52-278i, 52-293, 52-297, 52-298, 52-324, 52-351, 52-
210 397, 52-425, 52-427, 52-428, 52-521, 53-308, 53-328, 54-2a, 54-56f, 54-66,
211 54-72, 54-74, 54-82g, 54-82j, 54-82k, 54-95a, 54-96a, 54-96b, 54-97, 54-108,
212 54-154, 54-166 and 54-169 to 54-174, inclusive, are repealed.

213 Sec. 7. Sections 9-60 to 9-63, inclusive, of the general statutes are
214 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-53
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-55(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-56
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-361
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	51-274
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the procedures whereby, at the discretion of members of a certain political party, (1) an enrolled member of such party is disaffiliated from such party, or (2) an unaffiliated registered voter or an enrolled member of another party is prevented from enrolling in such first party.

[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.]