



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 329

February Session, 2016

LCO No. 1951



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BODIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-167a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
5 maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative
6 body, committee or similar body of the state or any political
7 subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be
8 members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the
9 following table:

| T1 | COLUMN I | COLUMN II |
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| T2 | Total Membership | Maximum from One Party |
| T3 | 3 | 2 |
| T4 | 4 | 3 |
| T5 | 5 | 4 |

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| T6 | 6 | 4 |
| T7 | 7 | 5 |
| T8 | 8 | 5 |
| T9 | 9 | 6 |
| T10 | More than 9 | Two-thirds of |
| T11 | | total membership |

10 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such
 11 board, commission, committee or body whose members are elected
 12 wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the state
 13 or political subdivision, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality (i)
 14 having a town meeting as its legislative body or (ii) for which the
 15 charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise, [or] (C)
 16 to the city council of an unconsolidated city within a town and the
 17 town council of such town if the town has a town council and a
 18 representative town meeting, the town charter provides for some form
 19 of minority representation in the election of members of the
 20 representative town meeting, and the city has a city council and a body
 21 having the attributes of a town meeting, [or] (D) to the board of
 22 directors and other officers of any district, as defined in section 7-324,
 23 having annual receipts from all sources not in excess of two hundred
 24 fifty thousand dollars, or (E) to a municipal board, commission,
 25 committee or body that is advisory in nature and does not have
 26 regulatory powers.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2016 | 9-167a(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt municipal bodies that are advisory in nature and do not have regulatory powers from political composition requirements.

[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.]