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Public Act No. 19-50

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES.

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

Section 1. Section 9-409 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

(a) [Petition] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, petition forms for candidacies for nomination to municipal office or for election as members of town committees shall be available from the registrar beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of a candidate or candidates for such office or position, or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsement under the provisions of section 9-391, whichever comes first.

(b) Petition forms for candidacies for nomination to the municipal offices of state senator and state representative shall be available from the registrar beginning on the seventy-seventh day preceding the day of the primary for such office.

(c) Any person who requests a petition form shall give his name and address and the name, address and office or position sought of each candidate for whom the petition is being obtained, and shall file a

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statement signed by each such candidate that he consents to be a candidate for such office or position. In the case of the municipal offices of state senator and state representative, each such candidate shall include on the statement of consent his name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot. Upon receiving such information and statement, the registrar shall type or print on a petition form the name and address of each such candidate, the office sought and the political party holding the primary. The registrar shall give to any person requesting such form one or more petition pages, suitable for duplication, as the registrar deems necessary. If the person is requesting the form on behalf of an indigent candidate or a group of indigent candidates listed on the same petition, the registrar shall give the person a number of petition pages determined by the registrar as at least two times the number needed to contain the required number of signatures for a candidacy for nomination to municipal office or a number of petition pages determined by the registrar as at least five times the number needed to contain the required number of signatures for a candidacy for election as a town committee member. An original petition page filled in by the registrar may be duplicated by or on behalf of the candidate or candidates listed on the page and signatures may be obtained on such duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same manner and shall be subject to the same requirements as original petition pages. All information relative to primary petitions shall be a public record.

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