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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 7212**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that primary petitions for the municipal offices of state representative and state senator be available from registrars of voters starting 77 days before the primary, just as existing law requires for the district offices of state representative and state senator (CGS § 9-404a). By law, the municipal offices of state representative and state senator represent a single-town district; the district offices of state representative and state senator represent a multi-town district (CGS § 9-372).

Current law requires that primary petitions for the municipal offices of state representative and state senator be available on the day following the party endorsement or final day for making the party endorsement, whichever is earlier. Thus, the bill potentially decreases the number of days that these petitions are available since, by law, endorsements for these offices are made in accordance with party rules as early as 84 days, or as late as 77 days, before the primary (CGS § 9-391(c)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/06/2019)