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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES' FEDERAL TAX RETURNS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-465 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The name of a candidate shall be placed on the ballot at a  
4 primary of a party either: [(a)] (1) By direction of the [secretary]  
5 Secretary when he or she determines, within the time specified in  
6 section 9-466, as amended by this act, that the candidacy of such  
7 person for such party's nomination for President is generally and  
8 seriously advocated or recognized according to reports in the national  
9 or state news media, unless such candidate files a request as provided  
10 in section 9-466, as amended by this act; or [(b)] (2) by petition to the  
11 [secretary] Secretary as provided in sections 9-467, 9-468 and 9-469, as  
12 amended by this act, provided no candidate may be placed on the  
13 ballot under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection unless such

14 candidate has publicly disclosed his or her federal income tax returns,  
15 in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, for the three years  
16 immediately preceding such primary.

17 (b) A candidate described in subsection (a) of this section shall  
18 publicly disclose his or her federal income tax returns, not later than  
19 four o'clock p.m. on the seventy-fifth day preceding the day of the  
20 primary, by filing with the Secretary a copy of the returns and  
21 providing written authorization to the Secretary for the publication of  
22 the returns on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the  
23 State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the Internet web site of  
24 the office not later than seven days after such filing.

25 Sec. 2. Section 9-466 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

27 The Secretary shall, at ten o'clock a.m. on the seventy-fourth day  
28 preceding the day of the primary, publicly announce a list of  
29 candidates whose names are to be placed on the ballot of each party at  
30 such primary pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-  
31 465, as amended by this act, except that the Secretary shall omit from  
32 such list the name of each candidate who has failed to publicly disclose  
33 his or her federal income tax return, in accordance with subsection (b)  
34 of said section. Forthwith upon announcing such list, said Secretary  
35 shall notify each such candidate whose name appears on such list, by  
36 registered mail with return receipt requested, that his or her name will  
37 be included on the ballot unless he or she files with the Secretary, not  
38 later than twelve o'clock p.m. of the thirty-sixth day before the  
39 primary, a written request, signed by the candidate, to the following  
40 effect: "I request that my name be omitted from the ballot at  
41 Connecticut's forthcoming .... (name of party) presidential preference  
42 primary". The name of any candidate who files a request as provided  
43 [by] in this section, within the time specified, shall be omitted from the  
44 ballot, but no such withdrawal shall be honored if it is received later  
45 than the time specified [by] in this section.

46 Sec. 3. Section 9-469 of the general statutes is repealed and the

47 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

48 The Secretary shall complete tabulation of the signatures on such  
49 petitions not later than the forty-sixth day preceding the day of the  
50 primary. The Secretary shall place on the ballot of each party at the  
51 primary the name of each candidate whose petition has been signed by  
52 a number of enrolled members of such party equal to at least one per  
53 cent of the total number of enrolled members of such party in the state,  
54 according to the most recent enrollment records on file in the office of  
55 the Secretary, provided no candidate may be placed on the ballot  
56 under this section unless such candidate has publicly disclosed his or  
57 her federal income tax returns, in accordance with subsection (b) of  
58 section 9-465, as amended by this act, for the three years immediately  
59 preceding such primary. No candidate who has filed a statement of  
60 consent pursuant to the provisions of section 9-467 and whose name is  
61 placed on the ballot pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be  
62 permitted to withdraw his or her name from such ballot.

63 Sec. 4. Section 9-175 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

65 (a) (1) The electors in the several towns in the state, at the state  
66 election in 1964, and quadrennially thereafter, shall elect electors of  
67 President and Vice President of the United States, not exceeding in  
68 number the whole number of senators and representatives to which  
69 the state is then entitled in the Congress of the United States. Voting  
70 shall be conducted and the result declared, and the returns thereof  
71 made, as is provided in respect to state elections. The Secretary of the  
72 State shall, on or before the first Monday of October of the year in  
73 which such presidential electors are to be elected, transmit blank forms  
74 to the several town clerks for the return of the votes; and the lists and  
75 returns of the votes shall be made out, certified and directed according  
76 to such forms. When an election is to be held for the choice of  
77 presidential electors, if any political party has nominated candidates  
78 for President and Vice President of the United States, and presidential  
79 electors to vote for such presidential and vice presidential candidates

80 have been nominated by a political convention of such party in this  
81 state, or in such other manner as entitles the names of such electors to  
82 be placed upon the official ballots to be used in such election, the  
83 Secretary of the State and any other official charged with the  
84 preparation of official ballots to be used in such election, in lieu of  
85 placing the names of such presidential electors on such official ballots,  
86 shall place on such official ballots a space with the words "Presidential  
87 electors for (here insert the last name of the candidate for President,  
88 the word 'and' and the last name of the candidate for Vice President)"  
89 [; and a vote cast therefor] provided each such candidate of such party  
90 has publicly disclosed his or her respective federal income tax returns,  
91 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the three  
92 years immediately preceding such election, except as provided in  
93 subsection (c) of this section. A vote cast in such space on such official  
94 ballots shall be counted, and shall be in all respects effective, as a vote  
95 for each of the presidential electors representing such candidates for  
96 President and Vice President.

97 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a candidate  
98 nominated by a political party for President or Vice President of the  
99 United States shall publicly disclose his or her federal income tax  
100 returns, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day  
101 preceding such election, by filing with the Secretary of the State a copy  
102 of the returns and providing written authorization to the Secretary for  
103 the publication of the returns on the Internet web site of the office of  
104 the Secretary of the State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the  
105 Internet web site of the office not later than seven days after such  
106 filing.

107 (b) (1) In the case of a write-in candidate for President of the United  
108 States, such candidate may register his or her candidacy with the  
109 Secretary of the State by submitting his or her name and the names of a  
110 vice presidential candidate and candidates for the office of elector in a  
111 number not exceeding the whole number of electors to which the state  
112 is then entitled. Such registration shall be on a form prescribed by the  
113 Secretary of the State, which form shall include a statement of consent

114 to being a candidate by each proposed candidate for elector and by the  
115 candidate for Vice President. Such registration shall not include a  
116 designation of political party. A candidate for President may register at  
117 any time after January first of the election year and not later than four  
118 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day preceding the election at which the  
119 offices of presidential elector and vice presidential elector are being  
120 contested, provided each such candidate has publicly disclosed his or  
121 her respective federal income tax returns, in accordance with  
122 subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the three years immediately  
123 preceding such election, except as provided in subsection (c) of this  
124 section. If a candidate has so registered, a vote may be cast by write-in  
125 ballot for such candidate by writing in the last name of the candidate  
126 for President and the last name of the candidate for Vice President or  
127 only the last name of the candidate for President; such write-in ballot  
128 shall be counted, and shall be in all respects effective, as a vote for each  
129 of the presidential electors representing such candidates for President  
130 and Vice President. No person nominated for the office of President,  
131 Vice President, or presidential elector by a major or minor party or by  
132 nominating petition shall register as a write-in candidate for such  
133 office under the provisions of this section and any such registration of  
134 a write-in candidacy filed by such a person shall be void.

135 (2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a write-in  
136 candidate for President or Vice President of the United States shall  
137 publicly disclose his or her federal income tax returns, not later than  
138 four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding such election, by  
139 filing with the Secretary of the State a copy of the returns and  
140 providing written authorization to the Secretary for the publication of  
141 the returns on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the  
142 State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the Internet web site of  
143 the office not later than seven days after such filing.

144 (c) A candidate who has already publicly disclosed his or her  
145 federal income tax returns in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
146 9-465, as amended by this act, shall not be required to make such  
147 disclosure pursuant to this section.

148 Sec. 5. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

150 (a) Whenever a convention of a political party is held for the  
151 endorsement of candidates for nomination to state or district office,  
152 each candidate endorsed at such convention shall file with the  
153 Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by him or her, stating that he  
154 or she was endorsed by such convention, his or her name as he or she  
155 authorizes it to appear on the ballot, his or her full residence address  
156 and the title and district, if applicable, of the office for which he or she  
157 was endorsed. Such certificate shall be attested by either (1) the  
158 chairman or presiding officer, or (2) the secretary of such convention  
159 and shall be received by the Secretary of the State not later than four  
160 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of such convention.  
161 Such certificate shall either be mailed to the Secretary of the State by  
162 certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered in person, in  
163 which case a receipt indicating the date and time of delivery shall be  
164 provided by the Secretary of the State to the person making delivery. If  
165 a certificate of a party's endorsement for a particular state or district  
166 office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time and, in  
167 the case of such endorsement of a candidate for the office of Governor  
168 or Lieutenant Governor, if the party-endorsed candidate fails to  
169 publicly disclose his or her federal income tax returns, in accordance  
170 with subsection (b) of this section, for the three years immediately  
171 preceding the election for which such candidate was endorsed, such  
172 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of section 9-  
173 416 and section 9-416a, shall be deemed to have made no endorsement  
174 of any candidate for such office. If applicable, the chairman of a party's  
175 state convention shall, forthwith upon the close of such convention, file  
176 with the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses  
177 of persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party  
178 for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States in  
179 accordance with the provisions of section 9-175, as amended by this  
180 act.

181 (b) A candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor described in

182 subsection (a) of this section shall publicly disclose his or her federal  
183 income tax returns, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth  
184 day after the close of the state convention, by filing with the Secretary  
185 of the State a copy of the returns and providing written authorization  
186 to the Secretary for the publication of the returns on the Internet web  
187 site of the office of the Secretary of the State. The Secretary shall  
188 publish the returns on the Internet web site of the office not later than  
189 seven days after such filing.

190 Sec. 6. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-400 of the general statutes  
191 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
192 *October 1, 2019*):

193 (a) (1) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state  
194 office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears  
195 upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any  
196 municipality within the state and who has either [(1)] (A) received at  
197 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present  
198 and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed  
199 endorsement of a candidate for such state office, whether or not the  
200 party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on  
201 the last ballot, or [(2)] (B) circulated a petition and obtained the  
202 signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such  
203 party in the state, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a  
204 to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies described in [subdivision (1) of this  
205 subsection] subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be filed by  
206 submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m.  
207 on the fourteenth day following the close of the state convention, a  
208 certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either [(A)] (i) the  
209 chairman or presiding officer, or [(B)] (ii) the secretary of the  
210 convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of  
211 such votes, and that such candidate consents to be a candidate in a  
212 primary of such party for such state office. Such certificate shall specify  
213 the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the  
214 ballot, the candidate's full residence address and the title of the office  
215 for which the candidacy is being filed. If such certificate for a state

216 office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time and, in  
217 the case of such certificate for the office of Governor or Lieutenant  
218 Governor, if the candidate fails to publicly disclose his or her federal  
219 income tax returns, in accordance with subdivision (2) of this  
220 subsection, for the three years immediately preceding the primary for  
221 which such certificate is being filed, such certificate shall be invalid  
222 and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be  
223 deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy for  
224 nomination [by a political party for] to such state office. A single such  
225 certificate or petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or  
226 more candidates for different state offices who consent to have their  
227 names appear on a single row of the primary ballot under subsection  
228 (b) of section 9-437. Candidacies described in [subdivision (2) of this  
229 subsection] subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall be filed by  
230 submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-  
231 third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to the  
232 registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages  
233 were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with  
234 the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section  
235 9-404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office  
236 shall be invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the  
237 party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by  
238 this act, [or] is certified as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the  
239 convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection or, in the  
240 case of a petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for Governor or  
241 Lieutenant Governor, if such candidate fails to publicly disclose his or  
242 her federal income tax returns, in accordance with subdivision (3) of  
243 this subsection, for the three years immediately preceding the primary  
244 for which such petition is being filed. Except as provided in section 9-  
245 416a, upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement  
246 and circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one  
247 or more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to  
248 the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all  
249 town clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions  
250 of section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in

251 each municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

252 (2) A candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor described in  
253 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall publicly  
254 disclose his or her federal income tax returns, not later than four  
255 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the state  
256 convention, by filing with the Secretary of the State a copy of the  
257 returns and providing written authorization to the Secretary for the  
258 publication of the returns on the Internet web site of the office of the  
259 Secretary of the State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the  
260 Internet web site of the office not later than seven days after such  
261 filing.

262 (3) A candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor described in  
263 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall publicly  
264 disclose his or her federal income tax returns, not later than four  
265 o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary  
266 for such office, by filing with the Secretary of the State a copy of the  
267 returns and providing written authorization to the Secretary for the  
268 publication of the returns on the Internet web site of the office of the  
269 Secretary of the State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the  
270 Internet web site of the office not later than seven days after such  
271 filing.

272 (b) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district  
273 office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears  
274 upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the  
275 district the person seeks to represent that is in the office of the  
276 Secretary of the State at the end of the last day prior to the convention  
277 for the party from which the person seeks nomination and who has  
278 either (1) received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the  
279 convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on  
280 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such  
281 district office, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such  
282 office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, or (2) circulated a  
283 petition and obtained the signatures of at least two per cent of the

284 enrolled members of such party in the district for the district office of  
285 representative in Congress, and at least five per cent of the enrolled  
286 members of such party in the district for the district offices of state  
287 senator, state representative and judge of probate, in accordance with  
288 the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies  
289 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by  
290 submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m.  
291 on the fourteenth day following the close of the district convention, a  
292 certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the  
293 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention,  
294 that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and  
295 that the candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such  
296 party for such district office. Such certificate shall specify the  
297 candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot,  
298 the candidate's full residence address and the title and district of the  
299 office for which the candidacy is being filed. If such certificate for a  
300 district office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time,  
301 such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of  
302 sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to have made no valid  
303 certification of candidacy for nomination [by a political party for] to  
304 such district office. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this  
305 subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four  
306 o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary  
307 for such office to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the  
308 respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each  
309 page of such petition with the Secretary in accordance with the  
310 provisions of section 9-404c. A petition may only be filed by or on  
311 behalf of a candidate for the district office of state senator, state  
312 representative or judge of probate who is not certified as the party-  
313 endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act,  
314 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such  
315 office pursuant to this subsection. A petition filed by or on behalf of a  
316 candidate for the district office of representative in Congress shall be  
317 invalid if said candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate  
318 pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act, or as receiving at

319 least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office pursuant to  
320 this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the  
321 expiration of the time period for party endorsement and circulation  
322 and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more  
323 candidacies for such district office have been filed pursuant to the  
324 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all  
325 town clerks within the district, in accordance with the provisions of  
326 section 9-433, that a primary for such district office shall be held in  
327 each municipality and each part of a municipality within the district in  
328 accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

329 Sec. 7. Section 9-379 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
330 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

331 (a) [No name of any candidate shall be printed on any official ballot  
332 at any election except the name of a candidate nominated by a major or  
333 minor party unless a nominating petition for such candidate is  
334 approved by the Secretary of the State as provided in sections 9-453a to  
335 9-453p, inclusive.] If a candidate is nominated by a major or minor  
336 party for an office to be voted upon at an election, or if a nominating  
337 petition of a candidate for any such office is approved by the Secretary  
338 of the State as provided in sections 9-453a to 9-453p, inclusive, the  
339 name of such candidate shall be printed on the official ballot at the  
340 election for such office.

341 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
342 section, in the case of a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor  
343 described in said subsection, the name of such candidate shall not be  
344 printed on the official ballot at the election for such office unless such  
345 candidate has publicly disclosed his or her federal income tax returns,  
346 in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the three  
347 years immediately preceding such election.

348 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, a  
349 candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall publicly disclose  
350 his or her federal income tax returns, not later than four o'clock p.m.  
351 on the sixty-third day preceding such election, by filing with the

352 Secretary of the State a copy of the returns and providing written  
353 authorization to the Secretary for the publication of the returns on the  
354 Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State. The  
355 Secretary shall publish the returns on the Internet web site of the office  
356 not later than seven days after such filing.

357 (B) A candidate who has already publicly disclosed his or her  
358 federal income tax returns in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
359 9-388, as amended by this act, or subdivision (2) or (3), as applicable, of  
360 subsection (a) of section 9-400, as amended by this act, shall not be  
361 required to make such disclosure pursuant to this subsection.

362 Sec. 8. Section 9-181 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
363 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

364 At the state election to be held in 1966, and quadrennially thereafter,  
365 there shall be elected a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary,  
366 Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General to hold their respective  
367 offices from the Wednesday following the first Monday of the January  
368 next succeeding their election until the Wednesday following the first  
369 Monday of the fifth January succeeding their election and until their  
370 successors are qualified. When any political party has nominated  
371 candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, their  
372 names shall be so placed upon the ballot in any such election that any  
373 elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, except that the  
374 names of such candidates shall not be placed upon such ballot unless  
375 both such candidates publicly disclose their respective federal income  
376 tax returns in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-379, as  
377 amended by this act.

378 Sec. 9. Section 9-373a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
379 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

380 (a) Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state,  
381 district or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall  
382 register his or her candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form  
383 prescribed by the Secretary. The registration shall include the

384 candidate's name and address, the designation and term of the office  
385 sought, a statement of consent to the candidacy, and any other  
386 information which the Secretary deems necessary. In the case of a  
387 write-in candidacy for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor,  
388 the registration shall include a candidate for each of those offices, or  
389 shall be void. The registration shall not include a designation of any  
390 political party. The registration shall be filed with the Secretary not  
391 more than ninety days prior to the election at which the office is to be  
392 filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day  
393 preceding the election, or the registration shall be void. No person  
394 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating  
395 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the  
396 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy  
397 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of  
398 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in  
399 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any  
400 town having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or  
401 more members shall register his or her candidacy with the town clerk  
402 of such town not later than the last business day preceding such  
403 election. A person may register as a write-in candidate for a district or  
404 municipal office if such person's name appears on the last-completed  
405 registry list of the district or municipality represented by such office, as  
406 the case may be. A person may register as a write-in candidate for a  
407 state office if such person's name appears on the last-completed  
408 registry list of the state.

409 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
410 section, the registration of a write-in candidacy for the office of  
411 Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall be void unless such candidate  
412 has publicly disclosed his or her federal income tax returns, in  
413 accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the three years  
414 immediately preceding such election.

415 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, a  
416 write-in candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall publicly  
417 disclose his or her federal income tax returns, not later than four

418 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day preceding such election, by filing  
 419 with the Secretary of the State a copy of the returns and providing  
 420 written authorization to the Secretary for the publication of the returns  
 421 on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State. The  
 422 Secretary shall publish the returns on the Internet web site of the office  
 423 not later than seven days after such filing.

424 (B) A candidate who has already publicly disclosed his or her  
 425 federal income tax returns in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
 426 9-388, as amended by this act, or subdivision (2) or (3), as applicable, of  
 427 subsection (a) of section 9-400, as amended by this act, shall not be  
 428 required to make such disclosure pursuant to this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-465
Sec. 2	October 1, 2019	9-466
Sec. 3	October 1, 2019	9-469
Sec. 4	October 1, 2019	9-175
Sec. 5	October 1, 2019	9-388
Sec. 6	October 1, 2019	9-400(a) and (b)
Sec. 7	October 1, 2019	9-379
Sec. 8	October 1, 2019	9-181
Sec. 9	October 1, 2019	9-373a

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1, "in either case, such candidate shall have" was changed to "no candidate may be placed on the ballot under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection unless such candidate has" in Subsec. (a) for accuracy and clarity, and "described in subsection (a)" was inserted after "A candidate" in Subsec. (b) for accuracy; in Section 2, "the Secretary shall omit from such list" was inserted after "except that" and "shall not appear on such list" was deleted for clarity; in Section 3, "such candidate shall have" was changed to "no candidate may be placed on the ballot under this section unless such candidate has" for accuracy and clarity; in Section 4, "both such nominated candidates of such party shall have" was changed to "each such candidate of such party has" in Subsec. (a)(1) and "both such candidates for President and Vice President shall have" was changed to "each such candidate

has" in Subsec. (b)(1) for clarity; in Section 8, "name of neither such candidate shall" was changed to "names of such candidates shall not" for clarity; in Section 4(c), Section 7(b)(2)(B) and Section 9(b)(2)(B), the provision was restructured for clarity; in Section 5(b) and Sections 6(a)(2) and 6(a)(3), "copy of his or her federal tax returns" was changed to "copy of the returns" for clarity and consistency; and throughout, "office of the Secretary of the State, which publication shall occur" was changed to "office of the Secretary of the State. The Secretary shall publish the returns on the Internet web site of the office" for clarity.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires candidates for U.S. President and Vice President, and governor and lieutenant governor, to publicly disclose their federal income tax returns for the three years immediately preceding a primary or election in order to be listed on the official ballot in Connecticut. No fiscal impact is anticipated to the State or municipalities as a result of this bill.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 1097*****AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES' FEDERAL TAX RETURNS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires candidates for U.S. President or Vice President, and governor or lieutenant governor, to publicly disclose their federal income tax returns in order to be listed on the official ballot in Connecticut. The requirement applies to tax returns for the three years immediately preceding a primary or general election.

Under the bill, candidates must publicly disclose their federal income tax returns by filing copies with the secretary of the state according to specified deadlines and by giving her written authorization to publish them on her office's website. The publication must occur within seven days after the filing. Candidates who run in a primary need not provide additional copies of their tax returns in order to be listed on the general election ballot.

The bill makes several technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**DISCLOSURE DEADLINES*****Candidates for President or Vice President***

Under the bill, in order for their names to appear on the ballot in a presidential preference primary, candidates for president must file their federal income tax returns with the secretary of the state by 4:00 p.m., 75 days before the primary. In order for their presidential electors to appear on the general election ballot, candidates for President or Vice President must file their tax returns by 4:00 p.m., 63 days before the election (see BACKGROUND).

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**Candidates for Governor or Lieutenant Governor**

Under the bill, candidates for governor or lieutenant governor must file their tax returns with the secretary of the state by specified deadlines, in order for their names to appear on the ballot. Deadlines are as follows:

1. party-endorsed candidates running in a primary must file by 4:00 p.m., 14 days after the convention;
2. major-party candidates challenging the party-endorsed candidate in a primary must file by 4:00 p.m., 63 days before the primary;
3. major, minor, or petitioning party candidates in the general election must file by 4:00 p.m., 63 days before the election; and
4. write-in candidates in the general election must file by 4:00 p.m., 14 days before the election.

**BACKGROUND**
***Presidential Electors***

By law, at a presidential election, the words “Presidential electors for” appear on the ballot, followed by the last names of the party-nominated candidates whom the electors represent. The electors cast their ballots at the secretary of state’s office on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following the election (CGS § 9-176).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11    Nay 4    (04/01/2019)