

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7212

AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE

Title: LEGISLATIVE OFFICES.

Vote Date: 3/6/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/27/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To make the timeline for obtaining and circulating primary petitions for candidates for single-town district General Assembly seats the same as those for multi-town district General Assembly seats.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State: Supports this bill as it would conform single-town district and multi-town district candidates for state legislative offices to each other, and would give both equal ballot access.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Judith Lhamon, Vice President for Public Issues for the League of Women Voters of CT: Submitted testimony in support of this bill, as fairness in ballot access is a guiding principle of the League's.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: Melissa Russell
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Date: 3/18/2019

