

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1097

AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL AND

Title: GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES' FEDERAL TAX RETURNS.

Vote Date: 4/1/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/25/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill requires candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, and governor and lieutenant governor of Connecticut, to publicly disclose their federal income tax returns in order to gain ballot access in Connecticut. The requirement applies to tax returns for the three years immediately preceding the primary or election.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[John Chunis](#): Chunis is in support of this bill however recommends certain adjustments to the proposal to allow it fully to serve its intended purpose. Chunis states that he feels that all candidates should release personal emails and phone records with refusal to do this leading to the candidate being disqualified from ballot access. Chunis feels this action prevents conspiracies within elections and allows full transparency allowing the public to be aware of all information surrounding a candidate. Chunis states he does not believe people should willingly give up access to their personal life, however, if a person chooses to run for office one of the requirements is surrendering specific information to create more trustworthy and respectable candidates.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

**Reported by: Ethan Meskill
Assistant Clerk**

Date: 4/3/19