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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***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:

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 Section 9-409 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

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

14 of the primary for such office.

15 (c) Any person who requests a petition form shall give his name and
16 address and the name, address and office or position sought of each
17 candidate for whom the petition is being obtained, and shall file a
18 statement signed by each such candidate that he consents to be a
19 candidate for such office or position. In the case of the municipal
20 offices of state senator and state representative, each such candidate
21 shall include on the statement of consent his name as he authorizes it
22 to appear on the ballot. Upon receiving such information and
23 statement, the registrar shall type or print on a petition form the name
24 and address of each such candidate, the office sought and the political
25 party holding the primary. The registrar shall give to any person
26 requesting such form one or more petition pages, suitable for
27 duplication, as the registrar deems necessary. If the person is
28 requesting the form on behalf of an indigent candidate or a group of
29 indigent candidates listed on the same petition, the registrar shall give
30 the person a number of petition pages determined by the registrar as at
31 least two times the number needed to contain the required number of
32 signatures for a candidacy for nomination to municipal office or a
33 number of petition pages determined by the registrar as at least five
34 times the number needed to contain the required number of signatures
35 for a candidacy for election as a town committee member. An original
36 petition page filled in by the registrar may be duplicated by or on
37 behalf of the candidate or candidates listed on the page and signatures
38 may be obtained on such duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the
39 same manner and shall be subject to the same requirements as original
40 petition pages. All information relative to primary petitions shall be a
41 public record.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-409

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that candidates for single-town state representative seats have the same window for the circulation of primary petitions as candidates for multi-town state representative seats.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]