



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7212**

LCO No. 4531



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 Section 9-409 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*