Bill No.: HB-7324
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CIRCULATORS OF NOMINATING AND PRIMARY PETITIONS.
Vote Date: 3/29/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/13/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
General Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill brings certain state laws relating to the circulation of nominating and primary petitions into compliance with federal case law. The legislation intends to update state law to reflect a federal court decision that struck down a requirement that stated Connecticut citizens are the only people who can collect petition signatures and also outlines the terms that such non-resident, petition-gatherers need to abide by.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
Denise W. Merrill, Secretary of the State: Merrill writes in support of this legislation, saying that the Secretary of State’s office has already complied with the recent federal court decision.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:
None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:
Mark Bernacki, New Britain Town & City Clerk, Connecticut Town Clerks Association: Bernacki says that this will conflict with another piece of legislation, S.B. 915, and suggests the proposed policies in S.B. 915 ought to be merged into Raised Bill No. 7234 if this legislation is to pass.