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"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 9-372 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (2) "Convention" means [a] any meeting of delegates of a political
7 party that may be held for the purpose of designating the candidate or
8 candidates to be endorsed by such party in a primary of such party for
9 state or district office or for the purpose of transacting other business
10 of such party;

11 Sec. 2. Subdivision (9) of section 9-372 of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
13 *passage*):

14 (9) "Party-endorsed candidate" means (A) in the case of a candidate

15 for state or district office, a person endorsed by [the] a convention of a
16 political party as a candidate in a primary to be held by such party,
17 and (B) in the case of a candidate for municipal office or for member of
18 a town committee, a person endorsed by the town committee, a caucus
19 or a convention, as the case may be, of a political party as a candidate
20 in a primary to be held by such party;

21 Sec. 3. Section 9-382 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

23 [The state or district convention, as the case may be, shall, in a
24 manner conforming with applicable law and with the rules of the party
25 calling such convention, choose a candidate for nomination to each of
26 the state or district offices, as the case may be. No such convention
27 shall choose more than one candidate for nomination to any such
28 office. Candidates] A party shall not be required to hold a state or
29 district convention, as applicable, for the purpose of choosing a
30 candidate for nomination to any state or district office, as applicable,
31 but a party may provide in such party's rules for the holding of any
32 such convention for such purpose. If any convention is held for such
33 purpose, (1) such choice shall be made in a manner conforming with
34 applicable law and with such rules, (2) such convention shall not
35 choose more than one candidate for nomination to any such office, and
36 (3) each candidate so chosen shall run in the primary of such party as
37 the party-endorsed [candidates] candidate, except as provided in
38 section 9-416, as amended by this act.

39 Sec. 4. Section 9-383 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

41 The time and place of meeting of [a] any state or district convention
42 that may be held shall be fixed by the state central committee or other
43 authority of the party holding such convention, in accordance with the
44 rules of such party; provided [each] any such convention held to
45 endorse candidates for state or district office to be voted upon at a state
46 election shall be convened not earlier than the ninety-eighth day and

47 closed not later than the seventy-seventh day preceding the day of the
48 primary for such office.

49 Sec. 5. Section 9-384 of the general statutes is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

51 [Each] Any convention that may be held shall originate by call of the
52 chairman of the state central committee or other authority of the party
53 holding such convention, in accordance with the rules of such party.

54 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 9-390 of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
56 *passage*):

57 (b) Delegates to [conventions] any convention that may be held shall
58 be selected, in accordance with the rules of such party, by the method
59 prescribed in either subdivision (1) or (3) of subsection (a) of this
60 section.

61 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 9-391 of the general statutes is
62 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
63 *passage*):

64 (b) Each selection of delegates to [a] any state or district convention
65 that may be held shall be made in accordance with the provisions of
66 section 9-390, as amended by this act, not earlier than the one-
67 hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-thirty-third
68 day preceding the day of the primary for such state or district office.
69 Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the municipality by
70 either the chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town
71 committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four o'clock
72 p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day of such
73 primary. Each such certification shall contain the name and street
74 address of each person so selected, the position as delegate, and the
75 name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for
76 which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's
77 selection is not received by the clerk of the municipality by such time,

78 such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of
79 sections 9-417 and 9-420, as amended by this act, shall be deemed to
80 have neither made nor certified any selection of any person for the
81 position of delegate.

82 Sec. 8. Section 9-393 of the general statutes is repealed and the
83 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

84 All town committee members and delegates to [conventions] any
85 convention that may be held shall be chosen as provided in sections 9-
86 382 to 9-450, inclusive, as amended by this act. Vacancies in town
87 committees, arising from any cause including failure to elect, shall be
88 filled in such manner as the rules of the party prescribe. The chairman
89 of a town committee may be chosen by the town committee from
90 within or without the membership of the town committee as the rules
91 of the party prescribe. Any town committee may, by party rules
92 adopted in accordance with section 9-375 and filed under section 9-374,
93 increase its membership and fill new positions created by such
94 increase in the manner prescribed in the applicable party rules. The
95 rules of a party may provide methods for the filling of vacancies in
96 delegations to conventions, which methods may include prescribing
97 that each delegate selected in conformity with the provisions of
98 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, as amended by this act, may
99 designate an alternate delegate or a proxy to act for him in his absence.

100 Sec. 9. Section 9-394 of the general statutes is repealed and the
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

102 If the state rules of a party provide that certain delegates to [state
103 conventions] any state convention that may be held shall be chosen
104 from senatorial districts, the party-endorsed candidates for election as
105 such district delegates shall be selected in such manner as is prescribed
106 in such rules; provided such selection shall be made within the time
107 specified in section 9-391, as amended by this act; and provided, upon
108 such selection, the information required in section 9-390, as amended
109 by this act, shall forthwith be certified, in such manner as is prescribed

110 in such rules, to the clerk of each municipality in such district, and
111 such certification shall be deemed the certification of the party in such
112 municipality. Delegates allocated to and selected from towns shall not
113 be deemed to be district delegates.

114 Sec. 10. Section 9-394a of the general statutes is repealed and the
115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

116 Any major party in any part of a town which is a component part of
117 a senatorial or assembly district composed of parts of two towns or of
118 a town or towns and a part or parts of another town or other towns
119 may select delegates to [a] any senatorial or assembly district
120 convention that may be held in such district as provided in this title
121 and its party rules and may participate in the selection of a candidate
122 for state senator or state representative in such district in the manner
123 provided for a town which is a component part of a senatorial district
124 in a district composed of two or more towns under this title. In
125 addition to other requirements prescribed by law, the name of a person
126 on whose behalf a primary petition is filed for nomination to the office
127 of state senator or state representative for such district and the names
128 of the signers of any such petition shall appear on the last-completed
129 enrollment list of such party for such part of a town or for any other
130 town which is a component part of such district.

131 Sec. 11. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-400 of the general
132 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
133 (*Effective from passage*):

134 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
135 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
136 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
137 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
138 of the votes of the [convention] delegates present and voting on any
139 roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
140 candidate for such state office at any convention that may have been
141 held, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such office

142 received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, or (2) circulated a petition
143 and obtained the signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled
144 members of such party in the state, in accordance with the provisions
145 of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies described in
146 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting to the
147 Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth
148 day following the close of [the] such state convention, a certificate,
149 signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the chairman or
150 presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that such
151 candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that such
152 candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for
153 such state office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as
154 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full
155 residence address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is
156 being filed. If such certificate for a state office is not received by the
157 Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and
158 such party, for the purposes of sections 9-416, as amended by this act,
159 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to have made no valid certification of
160 candidacy for nomination [by a political party for] to such state office.
161 A single such certificate or petition for state office may be filed on
162 behalf of two or more candidates for different state offices who consent
163 to have their names appear on a single row of the primary ballot under
164 subsection (b) of section 9-437. Candidacies described in subdivision
165 (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later
166 than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the
167 primary for such office to the registrar of voters of the towns in which
168 the respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file
169 each page of such petition with the Secretary of the State in accordance
170 with the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition filed by or on behalf of
171 a candidate for state office shall be invalid for such candidate if such
172 candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to
173 section 9-388 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention
174 vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in
175 section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time period for party
176 endorsement and circulation and tabulation of petitions and

177 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such state office have
178 been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of
179 the State shall notify all town clerks and registrars of voters in
180 accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, as amended by this
181 act, that a primary for such state office shall be held in each
182 municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

183 (b) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district
184 office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears
185 upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
186 district the person seeks to represent that is in the office of the
187 Secretary of the State at the end of the last day prior to the convention
188 for the party from which the person seeks nomination and who has
189 either (1) received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
190 [convention] delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken
191 on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such
192 district office at any convention that may have been held, whether or
193 not the party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous
194 vote on the last ballot, or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the
195 signatures of at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such
196 party in the district for the district office of representative in Congress,
197 and at least five per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the
198 district for the district offices of state senator, state representative and
199 judge of probate, in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a
200 to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this
201 subsection shall be filed by submitting to the Secretary of the State not
202 later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of
203 [the] such district convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate
204 and attested by either (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the
205 secretary of the convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen
206 per cent of such votes, and that the candidate consents to be a
207 candidate in a primary of such party for such district office. Such
208 certificate shall specify the candidate's name as the candidate
209 authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full residence
210 address and the title and district of the office for which the candidacy

211 is being filed. If such certificate for a district office is not received by
212 the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid
213 and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-416, as amended by this
214 act, and 9-416a, shall be deemed to have made no valid certification of
215 candidacy for nomination [by a political party for] to such district
216 office. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall
217 be filed by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on
218 the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to
219 the registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition
220 pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such
221 petition with the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of section
222 9-404c. A petition may only be filed by or on behalf of a candidate for
223 the district office of state senator, state representative or judge of
224 probate who is not certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant
225 to section 9-388 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the
226 convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. A petition
227 filed by or on behalf of a candidate for the district office of
228 representative in Congress shall be invalid if said candidate is certified
229 as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388 or as
230 receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office
231 pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon
232 the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and circulation
233 and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more
234 candidacies for such district office have been filed pursuant to the
235 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all
236 town clerks within the district, in accordance with the provisions of
237 section 9-433, as amended by this act, that a primary for such district
238 office shall be held in each municipality and each part of a
239 municipality within the district in accordance with the provisions of
240 section 9-415.

241 Sec. 12. Section 9-416 of the general statutes is repealed and the
242 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

243 If, (1) at [a] any state or district convention that may be held, no
244 person other than a party-endorsed candidate has received at least

245 fifteen per cent of the votes of the delegates present and voting on any
246 roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
247 candidate for a state or district office, and (2) within the time specified
248 in section 9-400, as amended by this act, no candidacy for nomination
249 by a political party to a state or district office has been filed by or on
250 behalf of a person other than a party-endorsed candidate in conformity
251 with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, then no
252 primary shall be held by such party for such office and the party-
253 endorsed candidate for such office shall be deemed to have been
254 lawfully chosen as the nominee of such party for such office.

255 Sec. 13. Section 9-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
256 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

257 The persons selected by a political party to serve as delegates to [a]
258 any convention that may be held shall be deemed to have been
259 lawfully selected as such delegates or district delegates.

260 Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 9-433 of the general statutes is
261 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
262 *passage*):

263 (a) After the deadline set forth in section 9-400, as amended by this
264 act, for filing candidacies, and upon the completion of the tabulation of
265 petition signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for nomination
266 by a political party to a state or district office have been filed in
267 accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this
268 act, the Secretary of the State shall notify the clerk of each town within
269 the state or within the district, as the case may be, that a primary is to
270 be held by such party for the nomination of such party to such office.
271 Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed candidates, those
272 endorsed by [the] any convention that may have been held as well as
273 those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles of
274 the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a statement
275 that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. The clerk of each
276 such town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith

277 in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town, or towns in
278 the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of this section,
279 together with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be
280 held, the hours during which the polls shall be open and the location
281 of the polls.

282 Sec. 15. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 9-215 of the general
283 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
284 (*Effective from passage*):

285 (d) (1) If such vacancy resulting from the resignation or death of a
286 member or member-elect of the General Assembly exists in a senatorial
287 or assembly district composed of a single town or part of a single
288 town, [such] nominations by political parties to fill any such vacancy
289 shall be made as the rules of such parties provide, in accordance with
290 section 9-390, as amended by this act, and filed with the Secretary of
291 the State; except that (A) if such rules provide for selection by
292 delegates and the vacancy exists in a senatorial or assembly district
293 composed of a single town, the delegates to the convention held for the
294 nomination of a candidate for the office of state senator or state
295 representative in such town at the last state election shall be the
296 delegates for the purpose of selecting a [candidate] nominee to fill such
297 vacancy; (B) if such rules provide for the selection by delegates and the
298 vacancy exists in a senatorial or assembly district composed of part of
299 a single town, the delegates to the convention held for the nomination
300 of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative in
301 such district at the last state election shall be the delegates for the
302 purpose of selecting a [candidate] nominee to fill such vacancy; and
303 (C) if such rules provide for direct primaries under section 9-390, as
304 amended by this act, the nomination shall be made by the town
305 committee of such party in the case of a vacancy in a senatorial or
306 assembly district composed of a single town and, in a senatorial or
307 assembly district composed of part of a single town, by the members of
308 the town committee from such political subdivision or senatorial or
309 assembly district.

310 (2) [If such] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
311 subdivision, if a vacancy resulting from the resignation or death of a
312 member or member-elect of the General Assembly exists in a district
313 office, as defined in section 9-372, as amended by this act, nominations
314 by political parties to fill any such vacancy may be made by the
315 delegates to [the] any senatorial or assembly convention that may have
316 been held for the last state election. [shall be the delegates for the
317 purpose of selecting a candidate to fill such vacancy.]

318 (B) If a vacancy resulting from the resignation or death of a member
319 or member-elect of the General Assembly exists in a district office and
320 no senatorial or assembly convention was held for the last state
321 election, nominations by political parties to fill any such vacancy shall
322 be made by direct primary in accordance with the provisions of
323 sections 9-400, as amended by this act, and 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
324 except as provided in section 9-416a.

325 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the delegation from any town, political
326 subdivision or district, such vacancy may be filled by the town
327 committee of the town in which the delegate resided.

328 (4) Nominations by political parties pursuant to this section may be
329 made and certified at any time after the resignation or death of the
330 member or member-elect of the General Assembly and not later than
331 the thirty-sixth day before the day of the election. No such nomination
332 shall be effective until the presiding officer or secretary of any district
333 convention, or the head moderator or moderator, as applicable, of any
334 direct primary held, has certified the nomination to the Secretary of the
335 State or, in the case of a vacancy in a senatorial or assembly district
336 composed of a single town or part thereof, until the presiding officer or
337 secretary of the town committee or single town convention, or the
338 head moderator or moderator, as applicable, of any direct primary
339 held, has certified the nomination to the Secretary of the State. If a
340 certificate of a party's nomination to fill a vacancy resulting from the
341 resignation or death of a member or member-elect of the General
342 Assembly is not received by the Secretary of the State on or before the

343 thirty-sixth day prior to the day of the election, such certificate shall be
344 invalid and such party, for the purposes of section 9-224a, shall be
345 deemed to have made no valid certification of nomination [by a
346 political party] for such senatorial or assembly office.

347 (e) [No] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1)
348 of subsection (d) of this section and subparagraph (B) of subdivision
349 (2) of said subsection, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
350 any political party to fill any vacancy in the office of state senator or
351 state representative and the [party-endorsed candidate so selected]
352 candidate selected pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of
353 subsection (d) of this section or subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
354 said subsection shall be deemed, for the purposes of chapter 153, the
355 person certified by the Secretary of the State under section 9-444 as the
356 nominee of such party.

357 Sec. 16. Section 9-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the
358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

359 (a) Nominations by major parties for any state, district or municipal
360 office to be filled under the provisions of any law relating to elections
361 to fill vacancies, unless otherwise provided therein, shall be made in
362 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, as
363 amended by this act.

364 (b) (1) (A) [In] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
365 subdivision, in the case of nominations for representatives in Congress
366 and judges of probate in probate districts composed of two or more
367 towns, provided for in sections 9-212 and 9-218, the delegates to [the]
368 convention that may have been held for the last state election shall be
369 the delegates for the purpose of selecting a candidate to fill such
370 vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the delegation from any town, political
371 subdivision or district, such vacancy may be filled by the town
372 committee of the town in which the delegate resided. Endorsements by
373 political party conventions pursuant to this [subsection] subparagraph
374 may be made and certified at any time after the resignation or death

375 creating such vacancy and not later than the fiftieth day before the day
376 of the election. No such endorsement shall be effective until the
377 presiding officer or secretary of any district convention has certified
378 the endorsement to the Secretary of the State.

379 (B) In the case of nominations for representatives in Congress and
380 judges of probate in probate districts composed of two or more towns,
381 provided for in sections 9-212 and 9-218, and when no convention was
382 held for such office at the last state election, nominations by political
383 parties to fill any such vacancy shall be made by direct primary in
384 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-400, as amended by this
385 act, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, except as provided in section 9-416a.

386 [(B) If] (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
387 subdivision, if such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred
388 twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular
389 state or municipal election in November of any year, and if a
390 convention was held as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
391 (1) of this subsection, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
392 any political party and the party-endorsed candidate so selected shall
393 be deemed, for the purposes of this chapter, the person certified by the
394 Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-444 as the nominee of such
395 party.

396 (B) If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-fifth
397 day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state or
398 municipal election in November of any year, and when no convention
399 was held as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
400 subsection, nominations by political parties to fill any such vacancy
401 shall be made by direct primary in accordance with the provisions of
402 sections 9-400, as amended by this act, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
403 except as provided in section 9-416a.

404 [(C)] (3) Except as provided in [subparagraph (B) of this
405 subdivision] subdivision (2) of this subsection, if a candidacy for
406 nomination is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a [party-

407 endorsed] candidate endorsed at any convention that may have been
408 held not later than fourteen days after [the] such party endorsement
409 and in conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by
410 this act, a primary shall be held in each municipality of the district and
411 each part of a municipality which is a component part of the district, to
412 determine the nominee of such party for such office, except as
413 provided in section 9-416a. Such primary shall be held on the day that
414 the writs of election issued by the Governor, pursuant to section 9-212,
415 ordered the election to be held, and new writs of election shall be
416 issued by the Governor in accordance with section 9-212.

417 [(D)] (4) Unless the provisions of [subparagraph (B) of this
418 subdivision] subdivision (2) of this subsection apply, petition forms for
419 candidacies for nomination by a political party pursuant to this
420 subdivision shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning
421 on the day following the issuance of writs of election by the Governor
422 pursuant to section 9-212, except when a primary has already been
423 held, and the provisions of section 9-404a shall otherwise apply to such
424 petitions.

425 [(E)] (5) The registry lists used pursuant to this subsection shall be
426 the last-completed lists, as provided in sections 9-172a and 9-172b.

427 [(2)] (c) In the case of judges of probate in probate districts
428 composed of a single town, the day named for the election shall be not
429 earlier than the one hundred fifteenth day following the day on which
430 the writ of election is issued, and the times specified in sections 9-391,
431 as amended by this act, 9-405 and 9-423 shall be applicable.

432 [(3) (A) In] (d) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
433 subdivision, in the case of nominations for senators in Congress,
434 provided for in section 9-211, the delegates to [the] any convention that
435 may have been held for the last state election shall be the delegates for
436 the purpose of selecting a candidate to fill such vacancy. If a vacancy
437 occurs in the delegation from any town or political subdivision, such
438 vacancy may be filled by the town committee of the town in which the

439 delegate resided. Endorsements by political party conventions
440 pursuant to this [subsection] subparagraph may be made and certified
441 at any time after the resignation or death creating such vacancy and
442 not later than the fifty-sixth day before the day of the primary. No such
443 endorsement shall be effective until the presiding officer or secretary of
444 any state convention has certified the endorsement to the Secretary of
445 the State.

446 (B) In the case of nominations for senators in Congress, provided for
447 in section 9-211, and when no convention was held for such office at
448 the last state election, nominations by political parties to fill any such
449 vacancy shall be made by direct primary in accordance with the
450 provisions of sections 9-400, as amended by this act, 9-404a to 9-404c,
451 inclusive, except as provided in section 9-416a.

452 [(B) If] (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
453 subdivision, if such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred
454 twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular
455 state or municipal election in November of any year, and if a
456 convention was held as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
457 (1) of this subsection, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
458 any political party and the party-endorsed candidate so selected shall
459 be deemed, for the purposes of this chapter, the person certified by the
460 Secretary of the State, pursuant to section 9-444, as the nominee of such
461 party. In such an event, endorsements by political party conventions
462 shall be made not later than sixty days prior to the election.

463 (B) If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-fifth
464 day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state or
465 municipal election in November of any year, and when no convention
466 was held as provided in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
467 subsection, nominations by political parties to fill any such vacancy
468 shall be made by direct primary in accordance with the provisions of
469 sections 9-400, as amended by this act, 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive,
470 except as provided in section 9-416a.

471 [(C)] (3) Except as provided in [subparagraph (B) of this
472 subdivision] subdivision (2) of this subsection, if a candidacy for
473 nomination is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a [party-
474 endorsed] candidate endorsed at any convention that may have been
475 held not later than fourteen days after [the] such party endorsement
476 and in conformity with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by
477 this act, a primary shall be held on the fifty-sixth day prior to the day
478 of the election in each municipality to determine the nominee of such
479 party for such office, except as provided in section 9-416a.

480 [(D)] (4) Unless the provisions of [subparagraph (B) of this
481 subdivision] subdivision (2) of this subsection apply, petition forms for
482 candidacies for nomination by a political party pursuant to this
483 subdivision shall be available from the Secretary of the State beginning
484 on the day following the issuance of writs of election by the Governor,
485 pursuant to section 9-211, except when a primary has already been
486 held and the provisions of section 9-404a shall otherwise apply to such
487 petitions.

488 [(E)] (5) The registry lists used pursuant to this subsection shall be
489 the last-completed lists, as provided in sections 9-172a and 9-172b.

490 [(4)] (e) The times specified in sections 9-391, as amended by this act,
491 9-405 and 9-423 shall be applicable to any special town election held to
492 fill a vacancy in any town office under subsection (b) of section 9-164.
493 Except as provided under subsection (c) of section 9-164, any election
494 held to fill a vacancy in any municipal office under the provisions of
495 any special act shall be held not earlier than the one hundred twenty-
496 seventh day following the day upon which warning of such election is
497 issued, and the times specified in sections 9-391, as amended by this
498 act, 9-405 and 9-423 shall be applicable.

499 Sec. 17. Subdivision (11) of section 9-700 of the general statutes is
500 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
501 *passage*):

502 (11) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on (A) the day

503 following the close of [(A) a] any convention that may have been held
504 pursuant to section 9-382, as amended by this act, for the purpose of
505 endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor,
506 Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
507 Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator
508 or state representative, (B) the last day for on which any such
509 convention may be closed pursuant to section 9-383, as amended by
510 this act, or [(B)] (C) a caucus, convention or town committee meeting
511 held pursuant to section 9-390, as amended by this act, for the purpose
512 of endorsing a candidate for the municipal office of state senator or
513 state representative, whichever is applicable, and ending on the day of
514 a primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such
515 office.

516 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is
517 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
518 *passage*):

519 (a) (1) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
520 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
521 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller,
522 Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may
523 apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from
524 the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign,
525 after the close of [the] any state convention of the candidate's party
526 that [is] may have been called for the purpose of choosing candidates
527 for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if a primary
528 is required under chapter 153, and (A) said party endorses the
529 candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, (B) the candidate
530 is seeking nomination to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
531 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of
532 the State or the district office of state senator or state representative
533 and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the [convention]
534 delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
535 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the
536 candidate is seeking at such convention, or (C) the candidate circulates

537 a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a
538 candidacy for nomination for (i) the office of Governor, Lieutenant
539 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
540 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
541 representative, pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (ii)
542 the municipal office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to
543 section 9-406, whichever is applicable. The State Elections Enforcement
544 Commission shall make any such grants to participating candidates in
545 accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of
546 this section.

547 (2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
548 senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of
549 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State
550 or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State
551 Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under
552 the Citizens' Election Program for a general election campaign:

553 (A) After the close of [the] any state or district convention or
554 municipal caucus, convention or town committee meeting that may
555 have been held, whichever is applicable, of the candidate's party that is
556 called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the
557 office that the candidate is seeking, if (i) said party endorses said
558 candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking and no other
559 candidate of said party files a candidacy with the Secretary of the State
560 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this
561 act, or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking
562 election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney
563 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or
564 the district office of state senator or state representative and receives at
565 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the [convention] delegates present
566 and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
567 endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking at
568 such convention, no other candidate for said office at such convention
569 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
570 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the

571 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
572 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
573 provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other
574 candidate for said office circulates a petition and obtains the required
575 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said
576 office pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, (iii) the
577 candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant
578 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
579 Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state
580 representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of
581 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said office
582 pursuant to section 9-400, as amended by this act, and no other
583 candidate for said office at [the] any such state or district convention
584 either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes
585 for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the
586 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388
587 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the
588 provisions of section 9-400, as amended by this act, or (iv) the
589 candidate is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or
590 state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required
591 number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for the
592 office the candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other
593 candidate for said office at [the] any caucus, convention or town
594 committee meeting that may have been held either receives the party
595 endorsement or files a certification of endorsement with the town clerk
596 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-391, as amended by this
597 act;

598 (B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said
599 office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the
600 party nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;

601 (C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of
602 such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State
603 pursuant to section 9-452; or

604 (D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by
605 the Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition
606 pursuant to section 9-453o.

607 (3) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state
608 senator or state representative at a special election in 2008, or
609 thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
610 for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a
611 general election campaign after the close of [the] any district
612 convention or municipal caucus, convention or town committee
613 meeting of the candidate's party that [is] may have been called for the
614 purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the
615 candidate is seeking.

616 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of
617 this subsection, no participating candidate for nomination or election
618 who changes the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or
619 petitioning party candidate or becomes a candidate of a different
620 party, after filing the affidavit required under section 9-703, shall be
621 eligible to apply for a grant under the Citizens' Election Program for
622 such candidate's primary campaign for such nomination or general
623 election campaign for such election. The provisions of this subdivision
624 shall not apply in the case of a candidate who is nominated by more
625 than one party and does not otherwise change the candidate's status as
626 a major party, minor party or petitioning party candidate.

627 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no candidate
628 may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant
629 from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program if such candidate
630 has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of
631 competent jurisdiction, any (A) criminal offense under this title unless
632 at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea
633 or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a
634 subsequent conviction of or plea to another such offense, or (B) a
635 felony related to the individual's public office, other than an offense
636 under this title in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this

637 subdivision.

638 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 9-709 of the general statutes is
639 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
640 *passage*):

641 (a) For purposes of this section, expenditures made to aid or
642 promote the success of both a candidate for nomination or election to
643 the office of Governor and a candidate for nomination or election to
644 the office of Lieutenant Governor jointly, shall be considered
645 expenditures made to aid or promote the success of a candidate for
646 nomination or election to the office of Governor. The party-endorsed
647 candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant
648 Governor, if any, and the party-endorsed candidate for nomination or
649 election to the office of Governor, if any, shall be deemed to be aiding
650 or promoting the success of both candidates jointly upon the earliest of
651 the following: (1) The primary, whether held for the office of Governor,
652 the office of Lieutenant Governor, or both; (2) if no primary is held for
653 the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the fourteenth day
654 following the close of [the] any convention that may have been held; or
655 (3) a declaration by [the] such party-endorsed candidates that they will
656 campaign jointly. Any other candidate for nomination or election to
657 the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be deemed to be aiding or
658 promoting the success of such candidacy for the office of Lieutenant
659 Governor and the success of a candidate for nomination or election to
660 the office of Governor jointly upon a declaration by the candidates that
661 they shall campaign jointly."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-372(2)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-372(9)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-382
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-383
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-384
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-390(b)

Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-391(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-393
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-394
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-394a
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-400(a) and (b)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-416
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-420
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-433(a)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-215(d) and (e)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-450
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-700(11)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-706(a)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-709(a)