



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 138

LCO No. 4978



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-176 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 The presidential electors shall meet at the office of the Secretary of the
4 State at twelve o'clock, noon, on the first Monday after the second
5 Wednesday of the December following their election and, as required
6 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall cast their ballots
7 for President and Vice President. Each such elector shall cast his ballots
8 for the candidates under whose names he ran on the official election
9 ballot, as provided in section 9-175. If any such elector is absent or if
10 there is a vacancy in the electoral college for any cause, the electors
11 present shall, before voting for President and Vice President, elect by
12 ballot an elector to fill such vacancy, and the person so chosen shall be
13 a presidential elector, shall perform the duties of such office and shall
14 cast his ballots for the candidates to whom the elector he is replacing
15 was pledged. In the case of any such elector who fails to cast his ballots
16 for the candidates under whose names he ran on the official election

17 ballot, (1) the vote of such elector shall be nullified, (2) such elector shall
18 forfeit his position as presidential elector, causing a vacancy in the
19 electoral college, and (3) the other electors present shall elect by ballot
20 an elector to fill such vacancy, and the person so chosen shall be a
21 presidential elector, shall perform the duties of such office and shall cast
22 his ballots for the candidates to whom the elector he is replacing was
23 pledged.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	9-176
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Statement of Purpose:

To nullify the vote of, remove and replace any faithless presidential elector.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.; REP. PALM, 36th Dist.

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