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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS, PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
PRIMARIES AND DEADLINES FOR MINOR PARTY NOMINATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-464 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 On the [last] first Tuesday in April of each year in which the President
4 of the United States is to be elected, each party shall conduct a primary
5 in each town if the names of two or more candidates are to be placed on
6 such party's ballot in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

7 Sec. 2. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

9 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall
10 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations [,
11 as required by] in accordance with this section. [, not later than the sixty-
12 second day prior to the day of the election at which such candidates are
13 to be voted for.] A list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that

14 includes each candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to
15 appear on the ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street
16 address of each candidate and the title and district of the office for which
17 each candidate is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of
18 the committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination and
19 shall be filed by such presiding officer (1) with the Secretary of the State,
20 in the case of any state, district or municipal office to be voted upon at a
21 state election, not later than the Friday following the second Tuesday in
22 August in the year in which such state election is held, or (2) with the
23 clerk of the municipality, in the case of any municipal office to be voted
24 upon at a municipal election, not later than the [sixty-second] fifty-third
25 day [prior to] preceding the day of [the] such municipal election. The
26 registrars of voters of such municipality shall promptly verify and
27 correct the names on any such list filed with him, or the names of
28 nominees forwarded to the clerk of the municipality by the Secretary of
29 the State, in accordance with the registry list of such municipality and
30 endorse the same as having been so verified and corrected. For purposes
31 of this section, a list of nominations shall be deemed to be filed when it
32 is received by the Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality, as
33 appropriate. If such certificate of a party's nomination is not received by
34 the Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate, by
35 such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes
36 of sections 9-460, 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to have neither made
37 nor certified any nomination of any candidate for such office. A
38 candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a district or municipal
39 office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the
40 last-completed registry list of the district or municipality represented by
41 such office, as the case may be. A candidacy for nomination by a minor
42 party to a state office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name
43 appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2023</i> | 9-464 |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 9-452 |

Statement of Purpose:

To move up (1) the date of the presidential preference primary in years when the President of the United States is to be elected, and (2) the deadline for minor parties to certify their nominations.

[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.]