



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5335**

LCO No. 3789



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT  
LISTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The registrars of voters in each municipality in which an enrollment  
4 session is to be held shall give notice of such session, and of the  
5 purpose, day, hours and place thereof, by publication in a newspaper  
6 published in or having a circulation in such municipality, not more  
7 than fifteen nor less than five days before such session. Nothing in this  
8 section shall require that such publication be in the form of a legal  
9 advertisement. In each municipality divided into voting districts, any  
10 session for enrollment in such municipality may, if the registrars of  
11 voters so decide, be held in each such district by assistant registrars of  
12 voters appointed under section 9-192, provided the registrars of voters  
13 in the notice shall specify the place in each such district in which such  
14 session is to be held. When such a session is so held in each such  
15 district by such assistant registrars of voters, within forty-eight hours

16 after the close of each of such sessions, each of such assistant registrars  
17 of voters shall deliver to the registrar of whom he is the appointee a  
18 true and attested list or lists, as made by such assistant registrars of  
19 voters at such session, showing all enrollments and corrections, if any,  
20 [by them made, together with a list of all applications rejected under  
21 the provisions of sections 9-60 and 9-63] made by such assistant  
22 registrars of voters.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is  
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
25 *passage*):

26 (e) The registrars of voters shall make available for public use such  
27 list in the office of the registrars of voters until the printing of the next  
28 completed enrollment list; and they shall deliver to the chairman of the  
29 town committee of each political party copies of each such list for each  
30 voting district in the town. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in  
31 their office, such list shall be available at another municipal office.  
32 Upon request, the registrars of voters shall give one complete set of  
33 such lists to each candidate for nomination for any office or for election  
34 as a town committee member. The registrars of voters shall deliver a  
35 sufficient number of copies thereof to the moderator of each primary.  
36 [No petition brought under the provisions of section 9-63 shall operate  
37 to delay the completion and printing of such lists. If the petition of any  
38 elector is granted after any such list has been completed, the registrars  
39 of voters or assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall issue  
40 to such elector a certificate showing that the elector is entitled to the  
41 privileges accompanying enrollment in the political party named in the  
42 elector's petition.]

43 Sec. 3. Section 9-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

45 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name  
46 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list  
47 under section 9-59, [9-60, 9-61 or 9-62,] any elector not enrolled on any

48 enrollment list may at any time make a written and signed application  
49 for enrollment to the registrars of voters on an application form for  
50 admission as an elector, in accordance with the requirements of this  
51 section. The application shall be effective as of the date it is filed with  
52 the registrars of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and  
53 any person making application for enrollment in such manner shall  
54 immediately be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the  
55 application for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with  
56 the registrars of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last business  
57 day before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the  
58 privileges of party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is  
59 otherwise filed with the registrar after the fifth day before the primary,  
60 in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment  
61 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or  
62 (3) is filed with the registrars of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the last  
63 business day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall be  
64 entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the  
65 caucus or convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by  
66 the registrar, deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by  
67 such other personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for [the]  
68 such purpose, showing the date when such application is received and,  
69 in the case of an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59  
70 [ 9-60, 9-61 or 9-62] to the privileges accompanying enrollment in the  
71 party named in his application, the date upon which such applicant  
72 becomes so eligible. In municipalities divided into voting districts in  
73 which an enrollment session is held in each district thereof under  
74 section 9-51, application for enrollment shall be made to the registrar  
75 or assistant registrar, as the case may be, in the voting district in which  
76 such elector is entitled to vote at the time of making such application.  
77 If any registrar or assistant registrar fails to add any name to any such  
78 list on written application or adds any name to any such list except as  
79 [herein provided, he] provided in this section, such registrar or  
80 assistant registrar shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

81 Sec. 4. Section 9-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the

82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

83 The following persons shall be guilty of primary or enrollment  
84 violations: (1) Any person unlawfully voting or participating or  
85 attempting to vote or participate in any primary in which he is not  
86 eligible to vote or participate; (2) in towns divided into voting districts,  
87 any elector who registers or votes at any primary in a voting district  
88 other than the district in which such elector is legally entitled to vote at  
89 the time of such primary; (3) any elector who signs the name of  
90 another to a written application to register, without the knowledge and  
91 consent of the person whose name is signed thereto, or who falsely  
92 represents the contents of any written or printed form of application  
93 for enrollment with intent to secure the application of an elector for  
94 enrollment upon a list other than that of his true political preference;  
95 (4) any registrar or deputy registrar of voters who fails to hold sessions  
96 as provided in sections 9-51 and 9-53, as amended by this act, or who  
97 fails to register an elector upon the oral or written application for  
98 enrollment of such elector, except as provided by law, or who fails to  
99 erase an elector's name as provided in section 9-59 or who registers  
100 any elector upon an enrollment list other than that declared by such  
101 elector in his application as his political preference, or who removes or  
102 erases the name of any elector from any enrollment list except as  
103 provided by law; [(5) any person who fails to properly serve any notice  
104 or citation required by sections 9-60 and 9-61 when directed so to do  
105 by any registrar or deputy registrar, or who makes any false return as  
106 to any such notice or citation; and (6)] and (5) any moderator of a  
107 primary of the enrolled electors of a specified party, such primary  
108 being legally called for the nomination of candidates for any public  
109 elective office, who fails to comply with the requirements of chapter  
110 153. The penalty for any such violation shall be a class D misdemeanor,  
111 except that any person found to have violated subdivision (1) or (2) of  
112 this section shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be  
113 disfranchised.

114 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the general statutes is

115 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
116 *passage*):

117 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any  
118 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the  
119 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-  
120 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, [9-63,] 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-  
121 198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g,  
122 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section  
123 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-  
124 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-  
125 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-  
126 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or  
127 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,  
128 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)  
129 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,  
130 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-  
131 67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-80h,  
132 section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152, 14-  
133 153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of section  
134 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said section,  
135 subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-250 or 14-253a,  
136 subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a, 14-  
137 269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) or (h) of section  
138 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-319, 14-  
139 320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3)  
140 of section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-  
141 97, subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or  
142 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145,  
143 17a-149, 17a-152, 17a-465, 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137, 19a-30, 19a-33,  
144 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-  
145 105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-  
146 287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-  
147 340, 19a-425, 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-  
148 265, 20-324e, 20-341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39,

149 21-43, 21-47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a, subsection (c) of section 21a-2,  
150 subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-21, subdivision (1) of  
151 subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or 21a-30, subsection (a)  
152 of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63 or 21a-77, subsection  
153 (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of  
154 subsection (a) of section 21a-159, subsection (a) of section 21a-279a,  
155 section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-  
156 36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-39e, 22-49 or 22-54,  
157 subsection (d) of section 22-84, section 22-89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-99, 22-  
158 100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a, 22-326  
159 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section 22-359, 22-  
160 366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of  
161 section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or  
162 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449,  
163 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or subdivision (1)  
164 of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a)  
165 of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40,  
166 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1)  
167 of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of  
168 section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-  
169 104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138 or 26-141,  
170 subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-  
171 224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232,  
172 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294,  
173 28-13, 29-6a, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e)  
174 or (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of  
175 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section  
176 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-  
177 11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-  
178 36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,  
179 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,  
180 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,  
181 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-  
182 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,

183 section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-  
184 133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e,  
185 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of  
186 section 53-344b, or section 53-450, or (2) a violation under the  
187 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted  
188 in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410,  
189 or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town,  
190 city or borough, except violations of building codes and the health  
191 code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed  
192 two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has  
193 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation  
194 pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this  
195 section.

196 Sec. 6. Section 51-274 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
197 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

198 All special acts or provisions thereof inconsistent with this chapter  
199 and with sections 1-1a, 2-5, 2-40, 2-61, 5-164, 5-189, 7-80, 8-12, [9-63,] 9-  
200 258, 9-368, 12-154, 14-141, 14-142, 18-65, 18-73, 19a-220, 21a-96, 29-13,  
201 29-362, 30-105, 30-107, 30-111, 35-22, 46b-120, 46b-133, 46b-160, 47a-23,  
202 47a-28, 47a-35, 47a-37, 49-61, 49-62, 51-6a, 51-9, 51-15, 51-27, 51-30, 51-  
203 33, 51-34, 51-36, 51-48, 51-49, 51-50, 51-51, 51-52, 51-59, 51-72, 51-73, 51-  
204 78, 51-95, 51-183b, 51-183d, 51-183f, 51-183g, 51-215a, 51-229, 51-232,  
205 51-237 and 51-241, subsection (a) of section 51-243 and sections 51-247,  
206 51-347, 52-45a, 52-45b, 52-46, 52-97, 52-112, 52-139, 52-193, 52-194, 52-  
207 196, 52-209, 52-212, 52-215, 52-226, 52-240, 52-257, 52-258, 52-261, 52-  
208 263, 52-268, 52-270, 52-278i, 52-293, 52-297, 52-298, 52-324, 52-351, 52-  
209 397, 52-425, 52-427, 52-428, 52-521, 53-308, 53-328, 54-2a, 54-56f, 54-66,  
210 54-72, 54-74, 54-82g, 54-82j, 54-82k, 54-95a, 54-96a, 54-96b, 54-97, 54-108,  
211 54-154, 54-166 and 54-169 to 54-174, inclusive, are repealed.

212 Sec. 7. Sections 9-60 to 9-63, inclusive, of the general statutes are  
213 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-53
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-55(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-56
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-361
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	51-274
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit the discretionary erasure or exclusion from party enrollment lists by local party officials.

*[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.]*

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