

SENATE No. 447

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to allow parties to permit enrolled members of other parties to run in their own primary.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Walter Ziobro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

93 Jensen Rd, Watertown, MA 02472

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By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow parties to permit enrolled members of other parties to run in their own primary. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to allow parties to permit enrolled members of other parties to run in their own primary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Title VIII. Chapter 53, Section 48 is hereby amended by adding after the following
2 words:

3 "There shall not be printed on the ballot at the state primary the name of any person as a
4 candidate for nomination for any office to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth, or for
5 representative in congress, governor's councillor, senator in the general court, representative in
6 the general court, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate and insolvency, register of
7 deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, or county treasurer, unless a certificate from the registrars
8 of voters of the city or town wherein such person is a registered voter, certifying that he has been
9 enrolled as a member of the political party whose nomination he seeks throughout the ninety
10 days prior to the last day herein provided for filing nomination papers with the state secretary, is
11 filed with the state secretary on or before such filing deadline..."

12 unless the state committee of a political party allow it for nominees within its own state
13 primary.

14 and further amended by adding after the following words:

15 "No such certificate shall be issued to any person who is a candidate for nomination for
16 any such office, if such person has been an enrolled member of another political party during the
17 year prior to the last day for filing nomination papers with the state secretary as provided by this
18 section..."

19 unless the state committee of a political party allow it for nominees within its own state
20 primary