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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 19-50—HB 7212**

*Government Administration and Elections Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARY PETITIONS FOR CANDIDATES  
FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires that, starting 77 days before a primary, registrars of voters make available primary petitions for the municipal offices of state representative and state senator. Existing law requires the same for the district offices of state representative and state senator (CGS § 9-404a).

Prior law required that these petitions be available on the day following the party endorsement or final day for making the party endorsement, whichever is earlier. Thus, the act potentially decreases the number of days that these petitions are available since, by law, endorsements for these offices are made in accordance with party rules as early as 84 days, or as late as 77 days, before the primary (CGS § 9-391(c)).

By law, the municipal offices of state representative and state senator represent single-town districts; the district offices represent multi-town districts (CGS § 9-372).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019