



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6650

LCO No. 5628



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS OF TOWN COMMITTEE
MEMBERS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-417 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [If] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if within
4 the time specified in section 9-405, no candidacy for nomination by a
5 political party to a municipal office has been filed by or on behalf of a
6 person other than a party-endorsed candidate or, in the case of election
7 as member of the town committee of such party, by persons other than
8 party-endorsed candidates numbering at least twenty-five per cent of
9 the number of town committee members to be elected by such party
10 either in the municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may
11 be, in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412,
12 inclusive, and 9-414, no primary shall be held by such party for such
13 office or for town committee members, as the case may be, and the
14 party-endorsed candidate or candidates for such office shall be deemed
15 to have been lawfully chosen as the nominee or nominees of such party

16 to such office, or, as the case may be, and the party-endorsed candidates
17 for election as members of the town committee shall be deemed to have
18 been lawfully elected to such positions at the times specified in section
19 9-392.

20 (b) In the case of any municipality having a population of one
21 hundred thousand or more and in which a party by its rules provides,
22 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 9-390, that the town committee
23 members of such party be chosen at direct primaries, if, by four o'clock
24 p.m. on the forty-first day preceding the day of the primary of such
25 party, the number of persons who have requested petition forms for
26 candidacies for election as members of such town committee and filed a
27 signed statement consenting to be a candidate for such position, in
28 accordance with subsection (c) of section 9-409, is equal to or less than
29 the number of town committee members to be elected by such party, but
30 at least twenty-five per cent of such number, in accordance with section
31 9-411, then (1) the requirements regarding such persons' filing of
32 candidacies for election under section 9-405 and signed petitions under
33 section 9-406 shall not apply, (2) the requirements regarding the
34 registrar's receipt of petition pages and certification of signatures on
35 such pages under section 9-412 shall not apply, and (3) no primary shall
36 be held by such party for town committee members and such persons
37 shall be deemed to have lawfully been elected to such positions at the
38 times specified in section 9-392.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 9-417 |

Statement of Purpose:

To provide an additional circumstance under which a no-contest election of town committee members may occur.

[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.]