



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 962

LCO No. 4106



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-167a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2021*):

4 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
5 maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative
6 body, committee or similar body of the state or any political subdivision
7 thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be members of the
8 same political party, shall be as specified in the following table:

| | COLUMN I | COLUMN II |
|----|------------------|------------------------|
| | Total Membership | Maximum from One Party |
| T1 | | |
| T2 | | |
| T3 | 3 | 2 |
| T4 | 4 | 3 |
| T5 | 5 | 4 |
| T6 | 6 | 4 |

T7 7 5

T8 8 5

T9 9 6

T10 More than 9 Two-thirds of

T11 total membership

9 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such (i)

10 board, commission, committee or similar body whose members are

11 elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the

12 state or political subdivision, or (ii) legislative body whose members are

13 elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the

14 state, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality [(i)] having a town

15 meeting as its legislative body, [or (ii) for which the charter or a special

16 act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise,] (C) to the city council of an

17 unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town if

18 the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the

19 town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the

20 election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city has

21 a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting, or (D)

22 to the board of directors and other officers of any district, as defined in

23 section 7-324, other than a fire district, having annual receipts from all

24 sources not in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2021 | 9-167a(a) |

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the minority representation rule to fire districts and certain legislative bodies presently not subject to said rule.

[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.]