



**AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY REPRESENTATION.**

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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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

4 (g) (1) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to  
5 be a member of the political party on whose enrollment list [his] such  
6 person's name appears on the date of [his] such person's appointment  
7 to, or of [his] such person's nomination as a candidate for election to,  
8 any office specified in subsection (a) of this section, provided any person  
9 who has applied for erasure or transfer of [his] such person's name from  
10 an enrollment list shall be considered a member of the party from whose  
11 list [he] such person has so applied for erasure or transfer for a period  
12 of three months from the date of the filing of such application and  
13 provided further any person whose candidacy for election to an office is  
14 solely as the candidate of a party other than the party with which [he]  
15 such person is enrolled shall be deemed to be a member of the party of  
16 which [he] such person is such candidate.

17 (2) For the purposes of this section, a person whose name is not on  
18 the enrollment list of any political party on the date of such person's  
19 appointment to, or of such person's nomination as a candidate for

20 election to, any office specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be  
21 deemed to not be a member of any political party for the duration of  
22 such person's term in such office, provided any person whose candidacy  
23 for election to an office is solely as the candidate of a party shall be  
24 deemed to be a member of the party of which such person is a candidate.

25 Sec. 2. Section 7-340a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

27 Any town, in addition to such powers as it has under the provisions  
28 of the general statutes, any special act or municipal charter, shall have  
29 the power to provide by ordinance for the appointment or election of  
30 not more than three alternate members to its board of finance, subject to  
31 the provisions of section 9-167a, as amended by this act, concerning  
32 minority representation. [of political parties.] Such alternate members  
33 shall, when seated as herein provided, have all the powers and duties  
34 set forth in the general statutes, any special act or municipal charter  
35 relating to such town for such board of finance and its members. Such  
36 alternate members shall be electors and taxpayers of such town. If a  
37 regular member of such board is absent or is disqualified, such absent  
38 or disqualified member shall designate an alternate to so act. In the  
39 event that an absent or disqualified regular member shall fail or refuse  
40 to designate an alternate to so act, the majority of the regular members  
41 of the board of finance not absent and not disqualified may designate  
42 an alternate subject to the provisions of section 9-167a, as amended by  
43 this act, to so act for such absent or disqualified regular member.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-167a(g)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	7-340a

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
Section 2 was added to conform to the change being made in Section 1.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*