

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-354

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING RULES OF MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES.

Vote Date: 3/22/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration & Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would require that minor political parties abide by their own rules when nominating candidates for public offices and while selecting town committee members or delegates to party conventions.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Stephanie Thomas, Connecticut Secretary of The State: Comments that the bill should be amended to include the designation of a court of law as the proper place to resolve a dispute, and that local parties do not have to follow the same state rules that state parties do.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

No sources of support were provided.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Lisa Carson, Americans for RFK Jr.: Opposes this bill because it seeks to eliminate third parties in the state. States that this bill is created to monopolize the ballot and is an attack on democracy and freedom of expression.

Christopher Cresse, Americans for RFK Jr.: Opposes this bill because it comes at a time when most Americans dislike both major parties, and this bill actively goes against their wishes. States that George Washington opposed political parties and legislators should as well.

Reported by: Gabriel Marques, Assistant Clerk Date: 4/3/2024