



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5541**

LCO No. 1161



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.

REP. DEVLIN, 134th Dist.

REP. O'DEA, 125th Dist.

REP. PERILLO, 113th Dist.

REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.

REP. ZUPKUS, 89th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTESTED ELECTIONS FOR STATE  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICES.**

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

1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to provide that (1) an  
2 aggrieved party may bring a complaint to the Superior Court regarding  
3 an election for a member of the General Assembly, unless the applicable  
4 chamber of thereof has adopted a rule requiring submission of such a  
5 complaint to a committee on contested elections, (2) in the case where  
6 such a committee has received such a complaint and has made  
7 recommendations thereon to the applicable chamber of the General  
8 Assembly, but such chamber fails to vote upon such recommendations  
9 within a specified period of time, jurisdiction over such complaint shall  
10 vest in the Superior Court, and (3) in the case where jurisdiction over  
11 such a complaint has so vested in the Superior Court, the court shall  
12 proceed expeditiously on such complaint and provide relief without  
13 undue delay.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To grant jurisdiction over contested elections for state legislative offices to the Superior Court under certain circumstances where the General Assembly has not taken action.