

General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6047

LCO No. 6608

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING BALLOTS USED AT POLLING PLACES THAT SERVE MULTIPLE VOTING DISTRICTS.

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

Section 1. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 Ballots shall be furnished by the registrar of voters and shall be 4 printed (1) in plain clear type, and (2) on material of such size as will 5 fit the tabulator [, and shall be furnished by the registrar of voters] and, 6 in the case of ballots used at a single polling place designated to serve 7 multiple voting districts, of such color as to differentiate the ballots for 8 each voting district from the ballots for each other voting district. The 9 size and style of the type used to print the name of a political party on 10 a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type used to 11 print the names of all other political parties appearing on such ballot. 12 The name of each major party candidate for a municipal office, as 13 defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of state 14 senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as 15 authorized by each candidate. The name of each major party candidate

16 for a state or district office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the 17 municipal office of state senator or state representative shall appear on 18 the ballot as it appears on the certificate or statement of consent filed 19 under section 9-388, subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400 or 20 9-409. The name of each minor party candidate shall appear on the 21 ballot as authorized by each candidate. The name of each nominating 22 petition candidate shall appear on the ballot as it is verified by the 23 town clerk on the application filed under section 9-453b. The size and 24 style of the type used to print the name of a candidate on a ballot shall 25 be identical with the size and style of the type used to print the names 26 of all other candidates appearing on such ballot. Such ballot shall 27 contain the names of the offices and the names of the candidates 28 arranged thereon. The names of the political parties and party 29 designations shall be arranged on the ballots and followed by the word 30 "party", either in columns or horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-31 249a, immediately adjacent to the column or row occupied by the 32 candidate or candidates of such political party or organization. The 33 ballot shall be printed in such manner as to indicate how many 34 candidates the elector may vote for each office, provided in the case of 35 a town adopting the provisions of section 9-204a, such ballot shall 36 indicate the maximum number of candidates who may be elected to 37 such office from any party. If two or more candidates are to be elected 38 to the same office for different terms, the term for which each is 39 nominated shall be printed on the official ballot as a part of the title of 40 the office. If, at any election, one candidate is to be elected for a full 41 term and another to fill a vacancy, the official ballot containing the 42 names of the candidates in the foregoing order shall, as a part of the 43 title of the office, designate the term which such candidates are 44 severally nominated to fill. No column, under the name of any political 45 party or independent organization, shall be printed on any official 46 ballot, which contains more candidates for any office than the number 47 for which an elector may vote for that office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-250

Statement of Purpose:

To differentiate voting districts' ballots by color when multiple voting districts are served by a single polling place.

[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.]

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