General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 6471

January Session, 2019

LCO No. **5267**

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

*AN ACT CONCERNING PRIMARIES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
HELD IN NOVEMBER.*

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

1   Section 1. Section 9-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3   (a) The primaries of all parties for nomination to an office to be
4   voted upon at a state election, or a municipal election held in
5   November, shall be held on the second Tuesday in August in the year
6   in which such [state] election is held.

7   (b) The primaries of all parties for nomination to an office to be
8   voted upon at a municipal election held in May shall be held on the
9   fifty-sixth day preceding the day of [the] such election.

10   Sec. 2. Section 9-376 of the general statutes is repealed and the
11   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

12   (a) [(1)] If the day fixed for any primary falls on [a Sunday or] a
13   legal holiday or on a day on which the tenets of a religion forbid

14   secular activity, the primary shall be held on the next succeeding day

15   other than **[**a Sunday or**]** a legal or such religious holiday. **[**(2) If the

16   day fixed for any primary falls on the Tuesday immediately following

17   Labor Day, the primary shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.**]**

18   (b) If a primary is held on a day prescribed by **[**subdivision (1) of**]**

19   subsection (a) of this section, the day of the primary shall be

20   considered to be the day on which such primary would have been held

21   except for **[**subdivision (1) of**]** said subsection, for all other purposes

22   including the calculation of any period of time having reference to

23   such primary, except that the calculation of any deadline relating to a

24   person becoming eligible to vote in such primary shall be made from

25   the day on which the primary is actually held.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	9-423
Sec. 2	*from passage*	9-376

Statement of Purpose:

To move, for any town that holds its municipal election in November, the primary day from September to August so as not to interfere with any school session.

[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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