

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 244

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LCO No. 5192



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

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## AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE OR BE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR ANY MUNICIPALITY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Notwithstanding any 2 provision of title 9 or 27 of the general statutes, if any person who holds 3 or held any elective or appointive state or municipal office, or serves or 4 served as a sworn member of a municipality's police department, and 5 who took an oath before entering upon the duties of such position to 6 support the Constitution of the United States, engages in insurrection or 7 rebellion against the United States or gives aid or comfort to the enemies 8 of the United States, such person shall, upon such act, be permanently 9 ineligible to be elected or appointed to any state or municipal office or 10 to serve in the armed forces of the state, as defined in section 27-2 of the 11 general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of title 5 or 7 of the general statutes, if any person is convicted of sedition, insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or a felony in relation to any such act, such person shall, upon such conviction, be permanently ineligible to be

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16 employed by the state or any municipality.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following |              |             |
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| sections:                                                           |              | _           |
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| Section 1                                                           | from passage | New section |

## Statement of Purpose:

To provide that (1) state and municipal office holders who engage in rebellion or insurrection shall be permanently ineligible to be elected or appointed to any state or municipal office or to serve in the armed forces of the state in the future, and (2) persons convicted of sedition, rebellion or insurrection, or a felony in relation to such act, shall be permanently ineligible to be employed by the state or any municipality.

[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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