



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5037



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING FOR ELECTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to examine the feasibility of implementing ranked-choice voting
3 at elections held in this state.

4 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

6 (2) Two appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
7 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
8 relating to elections, in consultation with the ranking members of such
9 committee, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political party
10 from the other;

11 (3) Two appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters
12 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a
13 different political party from the other;

14 (4) Two appointed by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks
15 Association, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political
16 party from the other;

17 (5) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (6) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;

21 (8) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

22 (9) One appointed by the Governor; and

23 (10) Two appointed by the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall
24 be admitted to the practice of law in this state and have expertise in the
25 election laws of this state, and the other of whom shall be an
26 information technology professional and have expertise in election
27 administration in this state.

28 (c) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
29 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
30 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

31 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in
33 consultation with the ranking members of such committee, shall select
34 the chairperson of the working group from among the members of the
35 working group.

36 (e) Not later than January 16, 2020, the working group shall submit
37 a report on its recommendations for the implementation of ranked-
38 choice voting to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
39 having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in accordance with
40 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor
41 and to the Secretary of the State. The working group shall terminate on
42 the date that it submits such report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To examine the feasibility of implementing ranked-choice voting at elections.

[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.]