1   H.752

2   Introduced by Representatives Savage of Swanton and Gamache of Swanton

3   Referred to Committee on

4   Date:

5   Subject: Elections; definition of "candidate"; constitutional qualifications for

6   office; registered voter

7   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the

8   definition of "candidate" in election law to clarify that it means an individual

9   constitutionally qualified to hold an office, which includes the requirement that

10   the individual be a registered voter in accordance with Vt. Const. Ch. I, Art. 8.

11   An act relating to the constitutional qualifications to be a "candidate"

12   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13   Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2103 is amended to read:

14   § 2103. DEFINITIONS

15   As used in this title, unless the context or a specific definition requires a

16   different reading:

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18   (7) "Candidate" means an individual who is constitutionally qualified to

19   hold a public office, which, pursuant to Vt. Const. Ch. I, Art. 8, includes the

20   requirement that the individual be a registered voter, and who has taken any

1   affirmative action to become a candidate for public office. A person takes

2   affirmative action by:

3   (A) accepting a contribution or making an expenditure directly or

4   indirectly;

5   (B) filing the requisite petition for one of the named positions or

6   being nominated by primary or otherwise; or

7   (C) publicly announcing that he or she seeks such a position.

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9   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10   This act shall take effect on passage.