



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 744

LCO No. 548



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS OF
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES.**

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

- 1 That chapters 155 and 157 of the general statutes be amended to
- 2 repeal any provision that limits the political speech of any candidate,
- 3 whether participating in the Citizens' Election Program or not, in a
- 4 manner beyond that which is necessary to prevent the funding of
- 5 campaign speech with respect to a clearly identified candidate running
- 6 in a different race.

Statement of Purpose:

To repeal certain unconstitutional content-based restrictions on political
speech in the state's campaign finance laws, in accordance with the
Connecticut Supreme Court's decision in *Markley v. State Elections
Enforcement Commission*.