



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 224

LCO No. 1535



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT EXEMPTING BALLOTS CAST AT ELECTIONS, PRIMARIES
AND REFERENDA FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Each ballot that has been cast
2 at an election, primary or referendum, including any write-in ballot,
3 shall be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.
4 Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the ability to
5 conduct any recanvass or audit under chapter 147, 148, 152 or 153 of the
6 general statutes. As used in this section, "ballot", "election",
7 "referendum" and "write-in ballot" have the same meanings as provided
8 in section 9-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, "primary"
9 has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372 of the general
10 statutes and "Freedom of Information Act" has the same meaning as
11 provided in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (n) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
13 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

14 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is
15 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any
16 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section,
17 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or
18 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such electors
19 or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in subsection (d)
20 of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a question or proposal
21 which is submitted to a vote of the electors or voters, as the case may be,
22 of a municipality at a meeting of such electors or voters pursuant to
23 section 7-7 or pursuant to charter, home rule ordinance or special act;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	9-1(n)

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt ballots cast at elections, primaries and referenda from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

[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.]