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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING STATEWIDE AND MULTI-TOWN DISTRICT PRIMARY PETITIONS – 2006

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❑ Connecticut Public Act No. 03-241, sometimes called the “Direct Primary Law” allows a candidate for a Statewide or Multi-Town District Office to get on the August 8, 2006 Democratic or Republican primary ballot by circulating primary petitions.
- ❑ In 2006, Connecticut Public Act No. 03-241 applies to Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate (Multi-Town Districts), State Senator and State Representative (Multi-Town Districts).
- ❑ The number of signatures required to be collected for each petition will be given to each applicant at the time of application. For Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General, the number of signatures required to be collected is 2% of the number of active enrolled party members in the State or the Congressional District, as the case may be. For State Senator, State Representative (Multi-Town) and Judge of Probate (Multi-Town), the number of signatures required to be collected is 5% of the number of active enrolled party members in the applicable State Senate, Representative or Probate District.

PETITION AVAILABILITY

- ❑ Primary petitions for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General are available from the Secretary of the State on April 25, 2006.
- ❑ Primary petitions for all State Senate districts, State Representative and Probate districts composed of parts of 2 or more towns are available from the Secretary of the State on **the day following the close of the district convention for such office.** If no such convention was held or endorsement made, primary petitions are available the day after the close of the endorsement period.
- ❑ Primary petitions for State Representative districts located entirely within one town are not available from the Secretary of the State and can only be obtained from the registrar of voters in the town in which the district is located.

PETITION FILING DEADLINES

- ❑ Primary petitions are due to the registrar of voters in the town in which the page was circulated on the 14th day following the close of the convention held for the particular office for which you are circulating the petition. If no such convention was held or endorsement made, the primary petitions are due on the 14th day following the close of the endorsement period. If the 14th day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, such petitions are due on the next business day following such Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

WARNINGS

- ❑ Primary petitions for State Representative, State Senator and Judge of Probate are only available after the close of the convention held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office. It is extremely important that prior to application, an individual ensure that the relevant convention has closed. You may wish to contact the registrar of voters, town chairperson, convention chairperson or a person who actually attended the convention in question to confirm that the convention has actually closed. If primary petitions for a particular office are issued before the relevant convention has closed, such petitions may be invalid.
- ❑ Primary petitions are due on the 14th day following the close of the convention held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office.
- ❑ Although this office is notified by each State Central Committee of the convention dates for all offices, conventions are often postponed or recessed at the local level without notification to the State Central Committees or the Secretary of the State. Therefore, it is very important that each candidate independently verify the closing date of the relevant convention to ensure strict compliance with petition availability and deadline timeframes.

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