File No. 1235

Substitute House Bill No. 5027



House of Representatives, May 21, 1971. The Committee on Elections reported through Rep. Maiocco of the 133rd District, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISION FOR VOTING BY DELEGATIONS AT STATE CONVENTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. The delegates to the state 1 2 convention of each party elected from each town 3 shall select a chairman of such delegation and 4 file the name and address of such chairman with 5 the secretary of the state central committee of 6 such party prior to the opening of such 7 convention. Whenever one-fifth or more of the 8 accredited delegates to, and present and voting 9 at, any such state convention called for the 10 purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for 11 any elective office, upon motion, vote that a roll 12 call vote, under section 2 of this act, upon any 13 matter or motion pending before such convention, 14 or on a party endorsement as between two or more 15 candidates for nomination to any state office at 16 any such convention, be taken by town delegation, 17 the individual delegates shall be polled by the 18 chairman of each town delegation whose designation 19 is recorded as provided herein and their votes 20 cast by totals by such chairman on the roll call. 21 A list of the names and the vote of each delegate 22 shall be filed by the said chairman of each town

23 delegation with the clerk or secretary of the 24 convention prior to the announcement of the result 25 of such roll call vote and shall be preserved with 26 the record of the vote as provided in section 2 of 27 this act. A duplicate copy of such list shall be 28 filed with the secretary of the state not later 29 than forty-eight hours after the close of such 30 convention. Upon announcement by the chairman of 31 the vote of a town delegation, any delegate from 32 such town may question or challenge such 33 announcement, and thereupon, the vote of such town 34 delegation shall be individually taken by the 35 clerk or the secretary of such convention calling 36 the roll, and each delegate shall announce his own 37 vote. The provisions of this law shall not apply 38 to district delegates, if any, and district 39 delegates shall continue to vote individually on 40 any roll call.

41 Sec. Section 9-385 of 2. the general 42 statutes is repealed and the following is 43 substituted in lieu thereof: Whenever one-fifth or 44 more of the accredited delegates to, and present 45 and voting at, any state or district convention, 46 called for the purpose of choosing candidates for 47 nomination for any elective office, upon motion, 48 vote in favor of a roll call upon any matter or 49 motion pending before such convention, or whenever 50 a vote is to be taken on a party endorsement as 51 between two or more candidates for nomination to district office at any such 52 any state or 53 convention, the clerk or secretary of such 54 convention shall call such roll and shall keep a 55 true record, in writing, of the vote of each 56 delegate entitled to vote and voting at such 57 convention OR SHALL POLL SUCH CONVENTION BY THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY 58 DELEGATIONS IF 59 THE CONVENTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT, 60 and shall, at the conclusion of such roll call OR 61 CALL BY DELEGATIONS AS THE CASE MAY BE, announce 62 the result of such vote. Such clerk or secretary 63 shall file such record at the headquarters of the 64 state central committee, where it shall be 65 preserved for a period of six months after the 66 adjournment of such convention, and such record 67 shall be open to public inspection at a11 68 reasonable times.

69 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its 70 passage.

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Introduced by REP. A. U. FOX - 152n District	Date
Ref. to Committee on <u>Elections</u>	

General Assembly,

January Session, A. D., 19 71.

AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY DELEGATION AT STATE CONVENTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-385 of the general statutes, when a roll call is to be taken at a state convention called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for any elective office, upon any matter or motion pending before such convention or whenever a vote is to be taken on a party endorsement as between two or more candidates for nomination to any office at such convention, one-fifth or more of the delegates of any delegation present and voting may elect to vote by delegation. in which case, the individual delegates shall be polled by the chairman of the delegation and the total vote cast by such chairman on the roll call. A list of the names and the vote of each delegate shall be filed with the clerk or secretary of the convention at the conclusion of the roll call and prior to the announcement of the result of such vote. A duplicate copy of such list shall be filed with the secretary of the state not later than forty-eight hours after the close of such convention.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit voting by delegation at state conventions as a means of expediting the business of the state. CONNECTICUT

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