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Introduced by Representatives Moran of Wardsboro and Zuckerman of  
Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; nominations; multiple parties

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow a candidate for elected office  
to be listed on the ballot for each party by which he or she is nominated.

An act relating to nominations by multiple parties

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

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2472(b) is amended to read:

(b) Each office to be voted upon shall be separately indicated and preceded  
by the word ~~“For”~~, “For.” as: “For United States Senator.” Beneath the office  
to be voted upon shall appear the instructions: “Vote for not more than (the  
number of candidates to be elected).” The names of the candidates for each  
office shall be listed in alphabetical order by surname. The name of each  
candidate shall be listed once for each party by which the candidate has been  
nominated, with the candidate’s name followed by the candidate’s town of  
residence and the ~~party or parties by which the candidate has been nominated~~  
political party’s name, or in the case of independent candidates who have not

1 chosen some other name or identification, by the word "Independent." To the  
2 right of the party designation shall be an oval in which the voter may indicate  
3 his or her choice by making a cross (X) or filling in the oval if tabulators are  
4 being used. ~~No candidate's name shall appear on the ballot more than once for~~  
5 ~~any one office.~~

6 Sec. 2. 17 V.S.A. § 2474 is amended to read:

7 § 2474. CHOICE OF PARTY

8 (a) A person nominated by any means for the same office by more than one  
9 political party, not later than the second Friday following the primary election  
10 may elect the party or parties in which the nominee will be a candidate. The  
11 nominee shall notify in writing the secretary of state or town clerk, as the case  
12 may be, of such his or her choice, and ~~only the party or parties which the~~  
13 ~~nominee so elects shall be printed next to the nominee's name on the ballot~~ the  
14 nominee's name shall appear on the general election ballot for each party the  
15 nominee so chooses.

16 (b) ~~A candidate for state or congressional office who is the nominee of two~~  
17 ~~or more political parties shall file with the secretary of state, not later than the~~  
18 ~~second Friday following the primary election, a statement designating for~~  
19 ~~which party the votes cast for him or her shall be counted for the purposes of~~  
20 ~~determining whether his or her designated party shall be a major political~~  
21 ~~party. The party so designated shall be the first party to be printed~~

1 immediately after the candidate's name on the ballot. If a candidate does not  
2 ~~file the statement before the second Friday following the primary, the secretary~~  
3 of state shall designate by lot the party to be printed immediately after the  
4 ~~candidate's name.~~