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Introduced by Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Browning of Arlington,
Consejo of Sheldon, Evans of Essex, Greshin of Warren,
Howrigan of Fairfield, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet,
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Highgate, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester,
Taylor of Barre City and Toll of Danville

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; nominations; write-in candidates

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require that a write-in candidate
receive at least the same number of votes as the number required for the office
on a primary petition in order to qualify as the winner in a primary election.

An act relating to voting for write-in candidates in primary elections

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

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2370 is amended to read:

§ 2370. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

A write-in candidate shall not qualify as a primary winner unless he or she
receives at least ~~one-half~~ the same number of votes required for his or her

1 office on a primary petition, except that if a write-in candidate receives more
2 votes than a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, he or she may
3 qualify as a primary winner. The write-in candidate who qualifies as a primary
4 winner under this section must still be determined a winner under section 2369
5 of this title before he or she becomes the party's candidate in the general
6 election.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.