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2 Introduced by Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Bartholomew of  
3 Hartland, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro,  
4 Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Condon of  
5 Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon,  
6 Devereux of Mount Holly, Evans of Essex, Greshin of Warren,  
7 Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Koline  
8 of Dorset, Lawrence of Lyndon, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marcotte  
9 of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Moran  
10 of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of  
11 Middlebury, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of  
12 Rutland City, Toleno of Brattleboro, Waite-Simpson of Essex,  
13 Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Yantachka of  
14 Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

15 Referred to Committee on

16 Date:

17 Subject: Elections; nominations; write-in candidates; votes required for office

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

1 unless the write-in candidate receives more votes than a candidate whose name  
2 is printed on the ballot.

3 An act relating to the number of votes required for a write-in candidate to  
4 win a primary election

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

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

7 § 2370. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

8 A write-in candidate shall not qualify as a primary winner unless he or she  
9 receives at least ~~one-half~~ the same number of votes required for his or her  
10 office on a primary petition, except that if a write-in candidate receives more  
11 votes than a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, he or she may  
12 qualify as a primary winner. The write-in candidate who qualifies as a primary  
13 winner under this section must still be determined a winner under section 2369  
14 of this title before he or she becomes the party's candidate in the general  
15 election.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.