

1 H.449

2 Introduced by Representative Galfetti of Barre Town

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; political parties; setting the date of biennial party caucuses

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
7 provisions governing the setting of the date for biennial party caucuses to
8 occur on any day in the month of September. This bill also proposes to allow
9 the county chair to call a caucus in a town that fails to hold a caucus on the day
10 designated by the State chair.

11 An act relating to setting the date of biennial party caucuses

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

13 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. chapter 45 is amended to read:

14 CHAPTER 45. POLITICAL PARTIES

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16 § 2302. STATE CHAIR TO CALL CAUCUS

17 (a) The chair of the State committee of a party shall set a date for members
18 of the party to meet in caucus in their respective towns. The date shall be
19 ~~between September 10 and September 30, inclusive, in the month of~~
20 September in each odd-numbered year.

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§ 2306. PROCEDURE UPON FAILURE TO HOLD CAUCUS

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If the voters of the party residing in any town fail to hold a caucus on the

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day designated by the State chair, the county chair or any three or more voters

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of the party residing in the town may call and hold a caucus at any time

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thereafter, ~~in the manner provided in~~ pursuant to the procedures in sections

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2303 through 2305 of this chapter. ~~Those~~ The county chair or the voters

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calling the caucus shall designate one person among them to perform the duties

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~~prescribed in~~ of the town chair pursuant to section 2303 for the town chair of

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this chapter.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.