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2   Introduced by Representatives Hooper of Burlington, Austin of Colchester,

3   Bishop of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of

4   Richmond, Burtt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Critchlow of

5   Colchester, Duke of Burlington, Greer of Bennington, Harrison

6   of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Morgan, M. of Milton,

7   and Mrowicki of Putney

8   Referred to Committee on

9   Date:

10   Subject: Elections; nominations

11   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a

12   candidate who loses a major party primary for any office from appearing on

13   the general election ballot for the same office for which the candidate lost in

14   the primary election as an independent candidate or representing any other

15   party.

16   An act relating to general election candidates

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

18   Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2381 is amended to read:

19   § 2381. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER

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2   (c) In no event shall a candidate who loses a major party primary be

3   nominated to appear on the general election ballot pursuant to this subchapter

4   by a committee of any party other than the party for which the candidate

5   appeared on the primary ballot.

6   Sec. 2. 17 V.S.A. § 2401 is amended to read:

7   § 2401. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER

8   (a) A person may be nominated and have ~~his or her~~ the person's name

9   printed on the general election ballot for any office by filing a consent similar

10 in form to the consent prescribed by section 2361 of this title and a statement

11 of nomination with the Secretary of State. In the case of a nomination for

12 justice of the peace, the consent form and statement of nomination shall be

13 filed with the town clerk.

14   (b) A candidate who loses a major party primary for any office shall not

15 appear on the general election ballot as an independent candidate for the same

16 office for which the candidate lost in the primary election.

17 Sec. 3 EFFECTIVE DATE

18   This act shall take effect on passage.