



**This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.**

# HOUSE BILL 8: Court of Appeals Election Modification

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	September 23, 2015
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**SUMMARY:** *The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 8 would require candidates running in non-partisan races for Court of Appeals judge to have that candidate's party affiliation printed on the ballot.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Non-partisan elections are conducted for the following offices, without the party affiliation of any candidate being listed on the ballot for that office:

- Appellate judge
- Superior court judge
- District court judge
- Local school board, with some exceptions
- Municipal elections, with some exceptions
- Sanitary boards established under Chapter 130A of the General Statutes
- Soil and Water Conservation boards established under Chapter 139 of the General Statutes

**BILL ANALYSIS:** For Court of Appeals judge, the PCS would require a candidate to disclose that candidate's party affiliation and for the party affiliation to be printed on the ballot.

The PCS also makes a conforming change to allow for the printing of party affiliation on the ballot in Court of Appeals races.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective when it becomes law, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

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