

## **HOUSE BILL 8:**Court of Appeals Election Modifications

2015-2016 General Assembly

**Analysis of:** 

Committee: Date:

S.L. 2015-292

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SUMMARY: S.L. 2015-292 requires candidates running in non-partisan races for Court of Appeals judge to have the candidate's party affiliation printed on the ballot.

This act became effective October 29, 2015, and applies to elections held on or after that date.

**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:** S.L. 2015-292 requires candidates for Court of Appeals judge to disclose that candidate's party affiliation, and for the party affiliation of that candidate to be printed on the official ballot.

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