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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 479, L.D. 594, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide that the Position on the Primary Election Ballot and on the General Election Ballot of the Names of Candidates for Major Offices shall be Determined by Lot."

Amend the Bill by striking out in the last line of the amending clause of section 1 the word "sentence" and inserting in its place the word 'sentences'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end of section 1 the following:

'The manner of drawing by lot shall be determined by the Secretary of State in such a manner as to ensure a random selection in sequence of the 26 letters of the alphabet. The sequence so determined shall be the sequence for alphabetizing on all ballots the order of names of candidates for a particular office which are to be determined by lot. Therefore, the order of such names shall be: All of the names of candidates for a particular office whose last ^{names} / Begin with the first letter chosen shall appear on the ballot ahead of the name of any candidate for that same office whose last ^{name} / begins with the 2nd letter chosen, and so forth. In this arrangement, all names of candidates for a particular office whose last names begin with the same letter shall be arranged among themselves in ordinary alphabetical order.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out in the last line of the amending clause of section 2 the word "sentence" and inserting in its place the word 'sentences'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end of section 2 the following:

'The manner of drawing by lot shall be determined by the Secretary of State in such a manner as to ensure a random selection in sequence of the 26 letters of the alphabet. The sequence so determined shall be the sequence for alphabetizing on all ballots the order of names of candidates for a particular office which are to be determined by lot. Therefore, the order of such names shall be: All of the names of candidates for a particular office whose last ^{names} / begin with the first letter chosen shall appear on the ballot ahead of the name of any candidate for that same office whose last ^{name} / begins with the 2nd letter chosen, and so forth. In this arrangement, all names of candidates for a particular office whose last ^{names} / begin with the same letter shall be arranged among themselves in ordinary alphabetical order.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State in ordering names on a ballot by lot.

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