

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number:	H.805
Title:	<i>An Act clarifying the role of Governor’s Councillor on the ballot</i>
Sponsor(s):	Rep. Simon Cataldo (<i>Concord</i>); Rep. Carmine Gentile (<i>Sudbury</i>)
Hearing Date:	June 17, 2025
Reporting Deadline:	August 16, 2025
Prior History:	2023-24 (H.665): Reported favorably; referred to House Steering, Policy, and Scheduling; Read second.
Similar Matters:	S.497 (Sen. Michael Barrett)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 53 § 43A – State elections and primaries; officers to be elected; manner and order of appearance on ballots: Sets the order of appearance for state officers on ballots for state elections and primaries.

M.G.L. c. 53 § 150 – State officers: Sets the list of offices that shall be elected by the voters during biennial state elections.

SUMMARY:

[A neutral summary of the changes to current law proposed by the bill]

The bill amends *M.G.L. c. 53 § 43A* by clarifying that the office of “councillor” heretofore listed is that of governor’s councillor.

This bill also amends *M.G.L. c. 53 § 150* by clarifying that the office of “councillor” on the list of state officers to be elected in the biennial state election is that of governor’s councillor.