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A test for Democrats



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Gov. Ned Lamont, left, and state Rep. Josh Elliott, right, are facing off in an increasingly feisty Democratic primary for governor.

Lamont-Elliott primary questions ideological, generational balance

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The Aug. 11 primary campaign between Gov. Ned Lamont and Hamden state Rep. Josh Elliott poses a test for Connecticut Democrats.

It's a barometer of the party's relative strength. It's a measurement of the number of Connecticut's tax-the-rich supporters at a time when the more-moderate Lamont remains popular and seems on track for a third four-year term, according to national political observers, including the Cook Political Report.

"I think it is test of which faction is in control of

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that party and what the ideological orientation of the current Democratic Party is," said Gary Rose, a long-time professor and scholar-in-residence at Sacred Heart University who has studied and written about state and national politics for decades.

The Democratic primary for governor is also a look into state demographics between older and younger factions of the nearly 800,000 registered Democrats eligible to vote in the party election. Lamont is 72 and a baby-

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New Dem primary ordered in Enfield House race

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ENFIELD — The state's highest court on Thursday directed election officials to reschedule the Democratic primary in the 58th state House District in Enfield after finding that Tom Tyler was wrongly kept off the ballot.

The Connecticut Supreme Court decision reversed an earlier ruling by a state Superior Court judge that invalidated Tyler's primary petitions in his bid to unseat incumbent state Rep. John Santanella.

Chief Justice Raheem L. Mullins directed the lower court to work with the Secretary of the State to schedule a new primary "as soon as is practicable." He announced the decision from the bench and did not release a written opinion.

In a Facebook post, Tyler described the ruling as "a victory for free and fair elections in Connecticut."

Santanella, who brought the original lawsuit, said in a brief phone interview that he was disappointed in the outcome of the case, but that he respects and accepts the court's decision.

"I look forward to going to the voters whenever that day may come," Santanella said.

Tyler was initially kicked off the ballot after Superior Court Judge Stuart Rosen

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