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"AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS HELD BY CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY."

1 In line 1, before "Subsection", insert "Section 1."

2 After line 90, insert the following:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 9-158c of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Not earlier than forty-five days before the election and not later
6 than the [close of the polls on] Friday before election day, each
7 resident, or former resident who desires to vote in a presidential
8 election under sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, may apply for a
9 "presidential ballot" to the municipal clerk of the town in which [he]
10 the resident or former resident is qualified to vote on the form
11 prescribed in section 9-158d. Application for a "presidential ballot"
12 may be made in person or absentee, in the manner provided for
13 applying for an absentee ballot under section 9-140, except as provided

14 in said sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive. A resident or former
15 resident applying for a "presidential ballot" in person shall present to
16 the clerk the resident's or former resident's Social Security card or any
17 other preprinted form of identification which shows the name and the
18 address, signature or photograph of the resident or former resident.

19 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-158d of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

21 (a) The application for a presidential ballot shall be [a form signed in
22 duplicate by the applicant under penalty of false statement in absentee
23 balloting, which] in the form of an affidavit executed in duplicate, and
24 sworn to or affirmed before an officer authorized to administer oaths,
25 and shall provide substantially as follows:

26 To the Town Clerk of the Town of Connecticut

27 I, the undersigned, [declare under penalty of false statement in
28 absentee balloting] swear or affirm that the following statements are
29 true:

30 1. I am a citizen of the United States.

31 2. I have not forfeited my electoral privileges because of conviction
32 of a disfranchising crime.

33 3. I was born on, and on the day of the next presidential election,
34 I shall be at least 18 years of age. Check and complete 4 or 5, whichever
35 applies:

36 4. RESIDENT. I am a bona fide resident of the above town, to which
37 I am making this application, and I reside at Street. I moved to said
38 town on the day of, 20... Before becoming a resident of said town,
39 I resided at Street, in the Town of County of, State of

40 5. FORMER RESIDENT. I am a former resident of the above town,
41 to which I am making this application, and resided at Street therein.
42 I moved from such town to my present town of residence on the

43 day of ..., 20., being within thirty days before the date of the next
44 presidential election, and for that reason I cannot register to vote in
45 said presidential election in my present town of residence. I am now a
46 bona fide resident of the Town of ..., in the state of ..., now residing at
47 ... Street therein.

48 6. I hereby apply for a "presidential ballot" for the election to be held
49 on ..., 20... I have not voted and will not vote otherwise than by this
50 ballot at that election. I am not eligible to vote for electors of President
51 and Vice-President in any other town in Connecticut or in any other
52 state.

53 7. The said ballot is to be given to me personally mailed to me at
54 ... (bona fide mailing address)

55 Dated at ..., this ... day of ... 20...

56 ... (Signature of applicant)

57 Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this ... day of ...
58 20...

59 ... (Signature and title of officer administering oath)

60 The oath administered in connection with any such application may
61 be administered by any officer empowered to administer oaths under
62 section 1-24 or any officer empowered to administer oaths under the
63 laws of any state or by any commissioned officer in the armed forces,
64 or any consul, vice consul or deputy consul representing the United
65 States in a foreign country, and shall be attested by such officer over
66 the officer's signature and title or statement of rank.

67 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-158e of the general statutes is
68 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

69 (a) Upon receipt of an application for a presidential ballot under
70 sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, and after checking the preprinted

71 form of identification presented by an applicant who applies in person,
72 the clerk, if satisfied that the application is proper and that the
73 applicant is qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give
74 or mail to the applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential
75 and vice-presidential electors for use at the election and instructions
76 and envelopes for its return. If the applicant has sworn on the
77 application that the applicant is a Connecticut resident, the clerk shall
78 include with the presidential ballot an application for admission as an
79 elector under section 9-23g and shall notify the applicant that the
80 applicant may cast said presidential ballot only if the applicant
81 completes the application for admission as an elector and returns it to
82 the clerk with the completed presidential ballot. At such time the
83 clerks shall also mail a duplicate of the application for a presidential
84 ballot to the appropriate official of (1) the state or the town in this state
85 in which the applicant last resided in the case of an applicant who is a
86 resident, or (2) the state or the town in this state in which the applicant
87 now resides in the case of an applicant who is a former resident.

88 Sec. 5. Section 9-158g of the general statutes is repealed and the
89 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

90 The voter shall sign the certification upon the inner envelope,
91 securely seal it, enclose it in an outer serially-numbered envelope, and
92 return it to the municipal clerk of the town in which [he] the voter is
93 qualified to vote. The clerk shall keep it in [his] the clerk's office until
94 delivered by [him] the clerk to the registrars of voters at the same time
95 and in the same manner as is provided for absentee ballots. If the ballot
96 is returned by a person other than the voter or the United States Postal
97 Service, the person delivering the ballot shall sign [his] the person's
98 name and address and the date and time of its delivery on the outer
99 envelope in the clerk's presence. The ballot, to be cast, shall be returned
100 so that it is received by the town clerk not later than the close of the
101 polls on the day of the election. If the applicant is a Connecticut
102 resident and the ballot is not accompanied by a completed application
103 for admission as an elector under section 9-23g, the clerk shall endorse
104 on the face of said outer envelope the word "rejected" and the ballot

105 shall not be counted. If the applicant returns the ballot in person, the
106 applicant shall present to the clerk the applicant's Social Security card
107 or any other preprinted form of identification which shows the name
108 and the address, signature or photograph of the applicant.

109 Sec. 6. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
110 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

111 Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this
112 title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275,
113 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, 30-10, 30-11, 45a-
114 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 shall have the following meanings:

115 (a) "Ballot label" means that portion of cardboard, paper or other
116 material placed on the front of the voting machine, containing the
117 names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional
118 amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;

119 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed
120 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;

121 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment
122 list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a
123 mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;

124 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors
125 choose public officials by use of voting machines or by paper ballots as
126 provided in sections 9-271 and 9-272;

127 (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications
128 prescribed by the constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to
129 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;

130 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;

131 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;

132 (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held

133 in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose
134 public officials of such municipality;

135 (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town within the state;

136 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot label to be used at an
137 election, or the official paper ballot to be used thereat in accordance
138 with the provisions of sections 9-271 and 9-272;

139 (k) "Population" means the population according to the last-
140 completed United States census;

141 (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots
142 for President and Vice President of the United States;

143 (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical
144 process, but shall not include typewriting;

145 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is
146 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any
147 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section,
148 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors
149 or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
150 electors or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in
151 subsection (d) of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a
152 question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or
153 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
154 electors or voters pursuant to section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or
155 special act;

156 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election;

157 (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality;

158 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality
159 certified by the registrars;

160 (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election;

161 (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first
162 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered
163 years in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of
164 Connecticut;

165 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
166 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General;

167 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district
168 meetings under the provisions of section 7-6;

169 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political
170 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a
171 regular election;

172 (w) "Voting machine" means a machine, including but not limited
173 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and
174 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda;

175 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name
176 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for
177 which [his] the person's name is written in;

178 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
179 means the [day which is the fourteenth day prior to] Friday preceding
180 an election.

181 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes is
182 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

183 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
184 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
185 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of
186 each regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall
187 hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those
188 found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section.
189 Such sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours
190 indicated, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

Day	Hours
Fourteenth day before primary day ...	any two hours between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
Saturday of third week before election day ...	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fourteenth day before election day ...	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<u>Friday preceding election day...</u>	<u>9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>

191 The session of the registrars of voters on the [fourteenth day before]
 192 Friday preceding election day shall be the last regular session for the
 193 admission of electors prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y)
 194 of section 9-1. (2) No town having a population of less than twenty-five
 195 thousand persons shall be required to hold sessions for admission of
 196 electors on the fourteenth day before primary day.

197 Sec. 8. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
 198 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

199 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office
 200 of the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
 201 application and review the application to determine whether the
 202 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
 203 Forthwith upon completing [his] the registrar's review, the registrar
 204 shall (1) indicate on the application whether the application has been
 205 accepted or rejected, (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on

206 the application the date on which such notice is mailed, and (4)
207 provide a copy of such notice to the other registrar. If the registrar
208 determines that the applicant has not properly completed the
209 application or is not legally qualified to register, the notice shall
210 indicate that the application has been rejected and shall state the
211 reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the applicant has
212 properly completed the application and is legally qualified to register,
213 the notice shall indicate that the application has been accepted. A
214 notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be sent (A) within
215 four days of receipt of an application during the period beginning on
216 the forty-ninth day before an election and ending on the twenty-first
217 day before such election, (B) on the day of receipt of an application if it
218 is received (i) during the period beginning on the twentieth day before
219 such election and ending on the [fourteenth day before] Friday
220 preceding such election, (ii) during the period beginning on the
221 thirteenth day before an election and ending on election day if the
222 application has been received by the fourteenth day before an election
223 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration
224 agency, (iii) during the period beginning on the twenty-first day before
225 a primary and ending on the [fifth day before] Friday preceding a
226 primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the [fourth day before]
227 Saturday preceding a primary and ending at twelve o'clock noon on
228 the last weekday before a primary, if the application has been
229 postmarked by the [fifth day before] Friday preceding the primary and
230 is received in the office of the registrars of voters during such period or
231 if the application is received by the [fifth day before] Friday preceding
232 a primary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
233 registration agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an
234 application at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by
235 first-class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if
236 not deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. A notice of
237 acceptance shall indicate the effective date of the applicant's
238 registration and enrollment, the date of the next regularly scheduled
239 election or primary in which the applicant shall be eligible to vote and
240 the applicant's precinct and polling place. If a notice of acceptance of

241 an application is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith
242 take the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43,
243 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35. An applicant
244 for admission as an elector pursuant to this section and section 9-23h
245 may only be admitted as an elector by a registrar of voters of the town
246 of [his] the elector's residence. Not later than December thirty-first,
247 annually, the Secretary of the State shall establish an official calendar
248 of all deadlines set forth in this subsection for regularly scheduled
249 elections and primaries to be held in the following calendar year.

250 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
251 privileges of an elector for any applicant for admission under this
252 section and section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by
253 the registrar, and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on
254 the registry list.

255 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a
256 mailed application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is
257 received in the office of the registrars of voters, after the [fourteenth
258 day before] Friday preceding an election or [after the fifth day before] a
259 primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after
260 such election or primary, as the case may be.

261 (3) If an application is received after the [fourteenth day before]
262 Friday preceding an election or [after the fifth day before] a primary by
263 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency,
264 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the
265 election or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar
266 approves it, whichever is later.

267 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
268 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present a
269 notice of acceptance received through the mail to the moderator at the
270 polls, after which the registrar or assistant registrar, upon notice to the
271 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official
272 check list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if

273 otherwise eligible to vote."