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**Amendment**

LCO No. 8814

Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 453

File No. 505

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE  
HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following  
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 2 of special act 97-4 is amended to read as follows:

4 [The Hartford Board of Education in existence on the effective date  
5 of this act shall dissolve on June 1, 1997.]

6 (a) The State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools,  
7 established pursuant to section 3 of [this act] special act 97-4, shall be  
8 solely responsible for the management of the Hartford school district,  
9 as provided in [this act] special act 97-4, during the period from June 1,  
10 1997, through June 30, 2000, except that [the State Board of Trustees for  
11 the Hartford Public Schools, on or before January 1, 2000, may request  
12 the State Board of Education to extend the period until June 30, 2002.

13 Such request shall be based on such factors as the need for additional  
14 time to improve student achievement and sufficiently address the  
15 Hartford Improvement Plan described in subdivision (3) of subsection  
16 (a) of section 4 of this act and the findings and recommendations of the  
17 fiscal and operations audit conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of  
18 section 6 of this act. The State Board of Education shall act on such a  
19 request by February 1, 2000. If the State Board of Education grants  
20 such an extension, the State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public  
21 Schools shall continue to manage the Hartford school district through  
22 June 30, 2002. In January, 2000 or, if an extension is granted pursuant  
23 to this subsection, in January, 2002, the Governor shall issue a writ of  
24 election directed to the municipal clerk of the city of Hartford ordering  
25 an election to be held in Hartford on a date in March specified in the  
26 writ for members of a new local board of education. Such members  
27 shall take office on July 1, 2000, or July 1, 2002, as appropriate. The  
28 terms of office of such members shall be in accordance with the charter  
29 of the city of Hartford except that the terms of six members shall expire  
30 on the Monday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in December  
31 in 2001 or 2003, as appropriate, and the terms of three members shall  
32 expire on the Monday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in  
33 December in 2003 or 2005, as appropriate. During the period from the  
34 election of such members until June 30, 2000, or June 30, 2002, as  
35 appropriate, the State Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public  
36 Schools shall hold joint meetings with the new Hartford Board of  
37 Education to provide for the transition in the management of the  
38 Hartford school district from the State Board of Trustees of the  
39 Hartford Public Schools to the new Hartford Board of Education] such  
40 period may be extended in accordance with subsection (b) of this  
41 section.

42 (b) The Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools shall  
43 continue to manage the Hartford school district through December 2,  
44 2002, or, based on the results of the referendum pursuant to this  
45 subsection, through June 30, 2003. On the Tuesday following the first  
46 Monday in May 2002, a referendum shall be held in the city of

47 Hartford in accordance with chapter 152 of the general statutes, to  
48 allow the voters in Hartford to decide whether the Board of Trustees  
49 shall manage the Hartford school district through June 30, 2003. The  
50 designation of the question on the ballot on the voting machine ballot  
51 labels and absentee ballots at such referendum shall be "Shall the State  
52 Board of Trustees for the Hartford Public Schools be granted an  
53 extension through June 30, 2003?" If an extension is approved as a  
54 result of such referendum a new Hartford Board of Education shall be  
55 elected at an election held in March 2003, and such elected members  
56 shall take office on July 1, 2003. If an extension is not approved as a  
57 result of such referendum, a new Hartford Board of Education shall be  
58 elected as part of the election held in November 2002, and such elected  
59 members shall take office on December 3, 2002.

60 (c) The state monitors appointed pursuant to section 8 of [this act]  
61 special act 97-4, shall continue their duties under the newly elected  
62 board of education for one year."