



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5702

LCO No. 2396

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "state-wide centralized voter registration system" means a
3 computerized system designed and maintained by the Secretary of the
4 State which includes: (1) Voter registration information prescribed by
5 the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications for admission
6 as electors described in section 9-20 of the general statutes, (3)
7 information needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under
8 sections 9-35 and 9-54 of the general statutes, (4) information required
9 by section 9-50a of the general statutes, and (5) other information for
10 use in complying with the provisions of title 9 of the general statutes.

11 (b) Not later than September 1, 2002, each registrar of voters shall
12 transmit to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector
13 information required by the office to complete the state-wide
14 centralized voter registration system. Each registrar shall transmit such
15 information in a format prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

16 Registrars of voters may transmit the information required under this
17 subsection at any time before the deadline. Not later than October 1,
18 2002, each registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide
19 centralized voter registration system in the manner prescribed by the
20 Secretary.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2002, the
22 registrar of voters of each municipality shall submit, in writing, to the
23 Secretary of the State a detailed report of all connectivity and related
24 issues experienced with the state-wide centralized voter registration
25 system, or a statement that the registrar has not used the state-wide
26 centralized voter registration system any time before July 1, 2002.

27 (b) Not later than July 1, 2002, the Chief Information Officer shall
28 submit, in writing, to the Secretary of the State a detailed report of all
29 (1) connectivity issues, (2) mainframe performance issues, and (3)
30 mainframe capacity issues experienced with the state-wide centralized
31 voter registration system.

32 (c) Not later than September 1, 2002, the Secretary of the State shall
33 revise the state-wide centralized voter registration system, as the
34 Secretary deems necessary, to address the reports received by the
35 Secretary pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section so that the
36 state-wide centralized voter registration system is fully operational in
37 accordance with section 1 of this act.

38 (d) Not later than December 31, 2002, the Secretary of the State shall
39 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
40 having cognizance of matters relating to elections a report indicating
41 (1) whether the state-wide centralized voter registration system is fully
42 operational, (2) the benefits of the state-wide centralized voter
43 registration system experienced in the November 2002 election, (3) any
44 unresolved issues concerning the state-wide centralized voter
45 registration system, and (4) the resources needed to improve the
46 system. Such report shall be submitted in accordance with section 11-
47 4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for state-wide participation in the centralized voter registration system by October 1, 2002.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]