



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5702**

*February Session, 2002*

**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) The Secretary of the State and the Chief Information Officer of  
12 the Department of Information Technology shall examine the state-  
13 wide centralized voter registration system and the systems used by  
14 registrars who do not participate in the state-wide centralized voter  
15 registration system. Such examination shall determine whether any  
16 such registrar will lose functionality by transferring to the state-wide  
17 centralized voter registration system. Such functionality includes, but  
18 is not limited to, the ability to obtain necessary reports and data from  
19 the system. When the Secretary and the Chief Information Officer  
20 determine that no registrar will lose functionality by transferring to the

21 state-wide centralized voter registration system, the Secretary and the  
22 Chief Information Officer shall jointly certify that the system provides  
23 no loss of functionality. The Secretary and the Chief Information  
24 Officer shall report such certification to the joint standing committee of  
25 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
26 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

27 (c) Not later than four months after such certification is submitted to  
28 the committee, each registrar of voters shall transmit to the office of the  
29 Secretary of the State all elector information required by the office to  
30 complete the state-wide centralized voter registration system. Each  
31 registrar shall transmit such information in a format prescribed by the  
32 Secretary of the State. Registrars of voters may transmit the  
33 information required under this subsection at any time before the  
34 deadline. Not later than six months after such certification, each  
35 registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized voter  
36 registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary.

37 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2003, the  
38 Secretary of the State shall submit a report to the joint standing  
39 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
40 relating to elections, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
41 statutes. The report shall indicate the status of the examination and  
42 certification required by section 1 of this act.

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

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*