



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 522**

LCO No. 2184

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MERGER OF THE PROBATE DISTRICTS OF WOODBURY AND WATERTOWN, THE MERGER OF THE PROBATE DISTRICTS OF NEW FAIRFIELD AND SHERMAN AND THE MERGER OF THE PROBATE DISTRICTS OF PLAINFIELD, CANTERBURY AND STERLING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 45a-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 8, 2003*):

3 The probate districts of the state, for all purposes for which they  
4 were constituted, shall be as follows:

5 (a) Hartford County

6 The district of Hartford, consisting of the town of Hartford.

7 The district of Avon, consisting of the town of Avon.

8 The district of Berlin, consisting of the towns of Berlin and New  
9 Britain.

10 The district of Bloomfield, consisting of the town of Bloomfield.

- 11 The district of Bristol, consisting of the town of Bristol.
- 12 The district of Burlington, consisting of the town of Burlington.
- 13 The district of Canton, consisting of the town of Canton.
- 14 The district of East Granby, consisting of the town of East Granby.
- 15 The district of East Hartford, consisting of the town of East  
16 Hartford.
- 17 The district of East Windsor, consisting of the towns of East  
18 Windsor and South Windsor.
- 19 The district of Enfield, consisting of the town of Enfield.
- 20 The district of Farmington, consisting of the town of Farmington.
- 21 The district of Glastonbury, consisting of the town of Glastonbury.
- 22 The district of Granby, consisting of the town of Granby.
- 23 The district of Hartland, consisting of the town of Hartland.
- 24 The district of Manchester, consisting of the town of Manchester.
- 25 The district of Marlborough, consisting of the town of Marlborough.
- 26 The district of Newington, consisting of the towns of Newington,  
27 Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.
- 28 The district of Plainville, consisting of the town of Plainville.
- 29 The district of Simsbury, consisting of the town of Simsbury.
- 30 The district of Southington, consisting of the town of Southington.
- 31 The district of Suffield, consisting of the town of Suffield.
- 32 The district of West Hartford, consisting of the town of West

33 Hartford.

34 The district of Windsor, consisting of the town of Windsor.

35 The district of Windsor Locks, consisting of the town of Windsor  
36 Locks.

37 (b) New Haven County

38 The district of New Haven, consisting of the town of New Haven.

39 The district of Bethany, consisting of the town of Bethany.

40 The district of Branford, consisting of the town of Branford.

41 The district of Cheshire, consisting of the towns of Cheshire and  
42 Prospect.

43 The district of Derby, consisting of the towns of Derby, Ansonia and  
44 Seymour.

45 The district of East Haven, consisting of the town of East Haven.

46 The district of Guilford, consisting of the town of Guilford.

47 The district of Hamden, consisting of the town of Hamden.

48 The district of Madison, consisting of the town of Madison.

49 The district of Meriden, consisting of the town of Meriden.

50 The district of Milford, consisting of the town of Milford.

51 The district of Naugatuck, consisting of the towns of Naugatuck and  
52 Beacon Falls.

53 The district of North Branford, consisting of the town of North  
54 Branford.

55 The district of North Haven, consisting of the town of North Haven.

- 56 The district of Orange, consisting of the town of Orange.
- 57 The district of Oxford, consisting of the town of Oxford.
- 58 The district of Southbury, consisting of the town of Southbury.
- 59 The district of Wallingford, consisting of the town of Wallingford.
- 60 The district of Waterbury, consisting of the towns of Waterbury,  
61 Middlebury and Wolcott.
- 62 The district of West Haven, consisting of the town of West Haven.
- 63 The district of Woodbridge, consisting of the town of Woodbridge.
- 64 (c) New London County
- 65 The district of New London, consisting of the towns of New London  
66 and Waterford.
- 67 The district of Norwich, consisting of the towns of Norwich,  
68 Franklin, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.
- 69 The district of Bozrah, consisting of the town of Bozrah.
- 70 The district of Colchester, consisting of the town of Colchester.
- 71 The district of East Lyme, consisting of the town of East Lyme.
- 72 The district of Griswold, consisting of the town of Griswold.
- 73 The district of Groton, consisting of the town of Groton.
- 74 The district of Lebanon, consisting of the town of Lebanon.
- 75 The district of Ledyard, consisting of the town of Ledyard.
- 76 The district of Lyme, consisting of the town of Lyme.
- 77 The district of Montville, consisting of the town of Montville.

78 The district of North Stonington, consisting of the town of North  
79 Stonington.

80 The district of Old Lyme, consisting of the town of Old Lyme.

81 The district of Salem, consisting of the town of Salem.

82 The district of Stonington, consisting of the town of Stonington.

83 (d) Fairfield County

84 The district of Bridgeport, consisting of the town of Bridgeport.

85 The district of Danbury, consisting of the town of Danbury.

86 The district of Bethel, consisting of the town of Bethel.

87 The district of Brookfield, consisting of the town of Brookfield.

88 The district of Darien, consisting of the town of Darien.

89 The district of Fairfield, consisting of the town of Fairfield.

90 The district of Greenwich, consisting of the town of Greenwich.

91 The district of New Canaan, consisting of the town of New Canaan.

92 The district of New Fairfield, consisting of the [town] towns of New  
93 Fairfield and Sherman.

94 The district of Newtown, consisting of the town of Newtown.

95 The district of Norwalk, consisting of the towns of Norwalk and  
96 Wilton.

97 The district of Redding, consisting of the town of Redding.

98 The district of Ridgefield, consisting of the town of Ridgefield.

99 The district of Shelton, consisting of the town of Shelton.

- 100 [The district of Sherman, consisting of the town of Sherman.]
- 101 The district of Stamford, consisting of the town of Stamford.
- 102 The district of Stratford, consisting of the town of Stratford.
- 103 The district of Trumbull, consisting of the towns of Trumbull,  
104 Easton and Monroe.
- 105 The district of Westport, consisting of the towns of Westport and  
106 Weston.
- 107 (e) Windham County
- 108 The district of Windham, consisting of the towns of Windham and  
109 Scotland.
- 110 The district of Ashford, consisting of the town of Ashford.
- 111 The district of Brooklyn, consisting of the town of Brooklyn.
- 112 [The district of Canterbury, consisting of the town of Canterbury.]
- 113 The district of Eastford, consisting of the towns of Eastford and  
114 Chaplin.
- 115 The district of Hampton, consisting of the town of Hampton.
- 116 The district of Killingly, consisting of the town of Killingly.
- 117 The district of Plainfield, consisting of the [town] towns of  
118 Plainfield, Canterbury and Sterling.
- 119 The district of Pomfret, consisting of the town of Pomfret.
- 120 The district of Putnam, consisting of the town of Putnam.
- 121 [The district of Sterling, consisting of the town of Sterling.]
- 122 The district of Thompson, consisting of the town of Thompson.

- 123 The district of Woodstock, consisting of the town of Woodstock.
- 124 (f) Litchfield County
- 125 The district of Litchfield, consisting of the towns of Litchfield,  
126 Morris and Warren.
- 127 The district of Barkhamsted, consisting of the town of Barkhamsted.
- 128 The district of Canaan, consisting of the towns of Canaan and North  
129 Canaan.
- 130 The district of Cornwall, consisting of the town of Cornwall.
- 131 The district of Harwinton, consisting of the town of Harwinton.
- 132 The district of Kent, consisting of the town of Kent.
- 133 The district of New Hartford, consisting of the town of New  
134 Hartford.
- 135 The district of New Milford, consisting of the towns of New Milford  
136 and Bridgewater.
- 137 The district of Norfolk, consisting of the town of Norfolk.
- 138 The district of Plymouth, consisting of the town of Plymouth.
- 139 The district of Roxbury, consisting of the town of Roxbury.
- 140 The district of Salisbury, consisting of the town of Salisbury.
- 141 The district of Sharon, consisting of the town of Sharon.
- 142 The district of Thomaston, consisting of the town of Thomaston.
- 143 The district of Torrington, consisting of the towns of Torrington and  
144 Goshen.
- 145 The district of Washington, consisting of the town of Washington.

- 146 [The district of Watertown, consisting of the town of Watertown.]
- 147 The district of Winchester, consisting of the towns of Winchester  
148 and Colebrook.
- 149 The district of Woodbury, consisting of the towns of Woodbury,  
150 [and] Bethlehem and Watertown.
- 151 (g) Middlesex County
- 152 The district of Middletown, consisting of the towns of Middletown,  
153 Cromwell, Durham and Middlefield.
- 154 The district of Clinton, consisting of the town of Clinton.
- 155 The district of Deep River, consisting of the town of Deep River.
- 156 The district of East Haddam, consisting of the town of East  
157 Haddam.
- 158 The district of East Hampton, consisting of the town of East  
159 Hampton.
- 160 The district of Essex, consisting of the town of Essex.
- 161 The district of Haddam, consisting of the town of Haddam.
- 162 The district of Killingworth, consisting of the town of Killingworth.
- 163 The district of Old Saybrook, consisting of the town of Old  
164 Saybrook.
- 165 The district of Portland, consisting of the town of Portland.
- 166 The district of Saybrook, consisting of the town of Chester.
- 167 The district of Westbrook, consisting of the town of Westbrook.
- 168 (h) Tolland County

169 The district of Tolland, consisting of the towns of Tolland and  
170 Willington.

171 The district of Andover, consisting of the towns of Andover, Bolton  
172 and Columbia.

173 The district of Ellington, consisting of the towns of Ellington and  
174 Vernon.

175 The district of Hebron, consisting of the town of Hebron.

176 The district of Mansfield, consisting of the towns of Coventry and  
177 Mansfield.

178 The district of Stafford, consisting of the towns of Stafford, Somers  
179 and Union.

180 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The towns of Woodbury,  
181 Bethlehem and Watertown shall, on and after the first Wednesday  
182 following the first Monday of January, 2003, constitute a probate  
183 district by the name of the probate district of Woodbury. In 2002, and  
184 quadrennially thereafter, a judge of probate for said district shall be  
185 elected at the time and in the manner provided by law for the election  
186 of judges of probate. From and after the first Wednesday following the  
187 first Monday of January, 2003, the probate court for the district of  
188 Woodbury shall have the jurisdiction of all probate business arising in  
189 the towns of Woodbury, Bethlehem and Watertown.

190 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The towns of New Fairfield and  
191 Sherman shall, on and after the first Wednesday following the first  
192 Monday of January, 2003, constitute a probate district by the name of  
193 the probate district of New Fairfield. In 2002, and quadrennially  
194 thereafter, a judge of probate for said district shall be elected at the  
195 time and in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of  
196 probate. From and after the first Wednesday following the first  
197 Monday of January, 2003, the probate court for the district of New  
198 Fairfield shall have the jurisdiction of all probate business arising in

199 the towns of New Fairfield and Sherman.

200 Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The towns of Plainfield,  
201 Canterbury and Sterling shall, on and after the first Wednesday  
202 following the first Monday of January, 2003, constitute a probate  
203 district by the name of the probate district of Plainfield. In 2002, and  
204 quadrennially thereafter, a judge of probate for said district shall be  
205 elected at the time and in the manner provided by law for the election  
206 of judges of probate. From and after the first Wednesday following the  
207 first Monday of January, 2003, the probate court for the district of  
208 Plainfield shall have the jurisdiction of all probate business arising in  
209 the towns of Plainfield, Canterbury and Sterling.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 8, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To merge the probate districts of Woodbury and Watertown into a single probate district of Woodbury, to merge the probate districts of New Fairfield and Sherman into a single probate district of New Fairfield and to merge the probate districts of Plainfield, Canterbury and Sterling into a single probate district of Plainfield.

*[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.]*