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**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE CASTING AND COUNTING OF BALLOTS AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUNCH-CARD VOTING MACHINES."**

1 After line 63, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2003*) (a) Not later than October  
3 first in each year in which a state election, as defined in section 9-1 of  
4 the general statutes, is to be held, (1) the State Elections Enforcement  
5 Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of the State, shall  
6 prepare a voter guide for such state election, and (2) the State Elections  
7 Enforcement Commission shall publish such voter guide on its web  
8 site on the Internet.

9 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

10 (1) Photographs and campaign statements submitted by candidates  
11 who are nominated or qualify as petitioning candidates for election to  
12 the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of the

13 United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,  
14 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,  
15 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Senator or State  
16 Representative at the state election;

17 (2) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent  
18 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut  
19 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state  
20 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of  
21 representatives districts, and one map showing the boundaries of state  
22 congressional districts;

23 (3) A description of each office to be filled at the state election;

24 (4) An absentee ballot application in printable format;

25 (5) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

26 (6) Information on the procedure for registering to vote;

27 (7) A voter registration application in printable format;

28 (8) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment that  
29 will appear on the ballot at the state election; and

30 (9) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such  
31 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office  
32 of Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a of the general  
33 statutes.

34 (c) Not later than one week after the date on which nominating  
35 primaries are required to be held under section 9-423 of the general  
36 statutes for offices to be filled at a state election, each candidate  
37 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section may file  
38 with the State Elections Enforcement Commission one photograph of  
39 the candidate, biographical information and a statement advocating  
40 the candidate's candidacy. In the case of a candidate for the office of  
41 President of the United States, Vice-President of the United States,

42 senator in Congress or representative in Congress, the state central  
43 committee of the candidate's political party may file such photograph,  
44 information and statement on behalf of the candidate. Each filing  
45 under this subsection shall be on an electronic medium that the State  
46 Elections Enforcement Commission shall prescribe. No candidate or  
47 state central committee may change, add to or delete any photograph,  
48 information or statement filed with the State Elections Enforcement  
49 Commission under this section, unless such deletion is to effectuate a  
50 complete withdrawal of the candidate's photograph, biographical  
51 information and advocacy statement from the Internet voter guide for  
52 the year in which the state election is being held.

53 (d) Each such candidate shall have the equivalent of one printed  
54 page of space in the Internet voter guide for such photograph,  
55 biographical information and statement. Each such candidate's page  
56 shall contain the statement, "Photograph, Information and Statement  
57 Provided by the Candidate". Each candidate's biographical  
58 information shall consist of not more than one hundred fifty words  
59 and each candidate's advocacy statement shall contain not more than  
60 two hundred fifty words. The advocacy statement shall not include  
61 any statement, express, or implied, concerning the candidate's  
62 opponent, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall reject  
63 any statement that includes information concerning the candidate's  
64 opponent. All photographs of candidates in the voter guide shall be  
65 black and white, of uniform size as prescribed by the State Elections  
66 Enforcement Commission, and shall have been taken within two years  
67 of the year of the state election.

68 (e) The State Elections Enforcement Commission, in consultation  
69 with the Secretary of the State, may adopt regulations, in accordance  
70 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out  
71 the purposes of this section."