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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, the Secretary of the State, in  
5 consultation with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, shall  
6 prepare a voter guide for such state election and shall publish such  
7 voter guide on the Internet.

8 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (5) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

52 (d) Each such candidate shall have the equivalent of one printed  
53 page of space in the Internet voter guide for such photograph and  
54 biographical information. Each such candidate's page shall contain the  
55 statement, "Photograph and Biographical Information Provided by the  
56 Candidate". Each candidate's biographical information shall consist of  
57 not more than one hundred fifty words. All photographs of candidates  
58 in the voter guide shall be black and white, of uniform size as  
59 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, and shall have been taken  
60 within two years of the year of the state election.

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