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

12 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,  
38 biographical information and a statement advocating the candidate's  
39 candidacy. In the case of a candidate for the office of President of the  
40 United States, Vice-President of the United States, senator in Congress

41 or representative in Congress, the state central committee of the  
42 candidate's political party may file such photograph, information and  
43 statement on behalf of the candidate. Each filing under this subsection  
44 shall be on an electronic medium that the Secretary of the State, in  
45 consultation with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, shall  
46 prescribe. No candidate or state central committee may change, add to  
47 or delete any photograph, information or statement filed with the  
48 Secretary of the State under this section, unless such deletion is to  
49 effectuate a complete withdrawal of the candidate's photograph,  
50 biographical information and advocacy statement from the Internet  
51 voter guide for the year in which the 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,  
54 biographical information and statement. Each such candidate's page  
55 shall contain the statement, "Photograph, Information and Statement  
56 Provided by the Candidate". Each candidate's biographical  
57 information shall consist of not more than one hundred fifty words  
58 and each candidate's advocacy statement shall contain not more than  
59 two hundred fifty words. All photographs of candidates in the voter  
60 guide shall be black and white, of uniform size as prescribed by the  
61 Secretary of the State, and shall have been taken within two years of  
62 the year of the state election.

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