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**"AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS
HELD BY CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CANDIDATES FOR THE
OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY."**

1 After line 91, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (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, campaign statements and contact information
10 submitted by candidates who are nominated or qualify as petitioning
11 candidates for election to the office of President of the United States,
12 Vice-President of the United States, senator in Congress, representative

13 in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
14 Treasurer, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, State Senator or
15 State 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, a statement advocating the candidate's
39 candidacy and contact information. In the case of a candidate for the
40 office of President of the United States, Vice-President of the United
41 States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress, the state

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

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