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**"AN ACT CONFORMING CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS TO
THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CONNECTICUT
REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS."**

1 Strike section 6 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 6. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 51-44a of the
3 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

5 (a) There is established a Judicial Selection Commission comprised
6 of twelve members who shall be appointed in accordance with
7 subsections (b) and (d) of this section. [Two persons shall be appointed
8 from each congressional district, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-
9 law and one of whom shall not be an attorney-at-law.] Not more than
10 six of the members shall belong to the same political party. None of the
11 members shall be an elected or appointed official of the state or hold
12 state-wide office in a political party.

13 (b) The members of the commission shall be appointed as follows:
14 (1) The Governor shall appoint six members, one from each
15 congressional district and one at-large member, who shall be
16 attorneys-at-law; (2) the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
17 speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
18 member, who shall not be an attorney-at-law; (3) the majority leader of
19 the Senate and the majority leader of the House of Representatives
20 shall each appoint one member, who shall not be an attorney-at-law;
21 and (4) the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the
22 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member, who shall
23 not be an attorney-at-law.

24 (c) The members of the commission shall elect a [chairman]
25 chairperson from among the members appointed by the Governor.

26 (d) (1) [The members first appointed by the Governor prior to June
27 22, 1989, shall complete their terms of office.] The terms of office of the
28 members appointed by the Governor prior to the effective date of this
29 section shall expire on January 1, 2003. Of the members appointed by
30 the Governor for terms commencing [November 20, 1992] January 2,
31 2003, two members shall serve for a term of one year, two members
32 shall serve for a term of two years and two members shall serve for a
33 term of three years. Thereafter, the members of the commission so
34 appointed shall serve for terms of three years. [At the expiration of the
35 terms of the members appointed for terms commencing November 20,
36 1992, such members shall be eligible for appointment to a consecutive
37 term.] Members of the commission appointed by the Governor who
38 are serving on the effective date of this section shall be eligible for
39 reappointment, provided no such member may serve for more than a
40 total of four years.

41 (2) The terms of office of the members [first] appointed by the
42 legislative leaders prior to [June 22, 1989,] the effective date of this
43 section shall expire on [September 30, 1989] January 1, 2003. [Such
44 members shall be eligible for appointment to a term commencing
45 October 1, 1989.] Of the members whose terms commence [October 1,

46 1989] January 2, 2003, the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
47 speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
48 member for a term [of three years] that shall expire on September 30,
49 2004; the majority leader of the Senate and the majority leader of the
50 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member for a term [of
51 one year] that shall expire on September 30, 2005; and the minority
52 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
53 Representatives shall each appoint one member for a term [of two
54 years] that shall expire on September 30, 2003. Thereafter, the members
55 of the commission so appointed shall serve for terms of three years.
56 Members of the commission appointed by the legislative leaders who
57 are serving on the effective date of this section shall be eligible for
58 reappointment, provided no such member may serve for more than a
59 total of four years.

60 (3) Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled
61 for the unexpired portion of the term by the appointing authority. The
62 members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their
63 services but shall be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred
64 in the performance of their duties. Except as provided in subdivisions
65 (1) and (2) of this subsection, no member of the commission may serve
66 consecutive terms, and if [a] such member is an attorney, no member
67 of [his] the commission member's firm may serve a term consecutive to
68 such commission member."