



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 309

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House Bill No. 6621

House of Representatives, April 10, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-189a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-189 and 9-190a, any
4 town or municipality may, by charter or ordinance, provide that the
5 treasurer or the town clerk of said town or municipality, or the
6 registrars of voters of said town, or any of such officers, shall, at the
7 next succeeding regular election for such office and thereafter, be
8 elected for a term of four years. In such event, such four-year term
9 shall begin on the first Monday of January succeeding an election for
10 treasurer or town clerk, except as provided in section 9-187a, and from
11 the Wednesday following the first Monday of January succeeding an
12 election for registrars of voters, provided, if any such town or

13 municipality holds its town or municipal election on the first Monday
14 of May of the odd-numbered years, the term of such treasurer or town
15 clerk shall begin on the first day of July following the election, except
16 as provided in section 9-187a.

17 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
18 and sections 9-190 and 9-190a, the term of office of all elected registrars
19 of voters who are serving in 2004, shall expire on January 5, 2005. On
20 November 2, 2004, and on the Tuesday following the first Monday of
21 November quadrennially thereafter, registrars of voters shall be
22 elected for four-year terms. For registrars of voters elected on
23 November 2, 2004, such term shall begin on January 5, 2005. For
24 registrars of voters elected after 2004, such term shall begin on the
25 Wednesday following the first Monday of January succeeding such
26 election.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which establishes a four year term for all registers of voters and requires their election be held in presidential election years, has no fiscal impact on the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a four-year term for all registrars of voters that must be filled in presidential election years. Voters must vote to fill the office at the November 2004 election and every four years after that, and those elected must take office on the Wednesday after the first Monday in January. The terms of registrars serving in 2004 expire on January 5, 2005. Towns currently have the option to elect registrars for two- or four-year terms and in either gubernatorial or presidential election years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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