



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 652

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Substitute House Bill No. 6621

House of Representatives, May 8, 2003

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. WALLACE of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute 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 Section 9-189a of the general statutes is repealed and the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, a municipality, by ordinance adopted
 19 by its legislative body, may establish the term of office of elected
 20 registrars of voters, except that if the ordinance provides for the
 21 election of registrars of voters to a four-year term, such term shall
 22 begin on the Wednesday following the first Monday of January
 23 succeeding a presidential election.

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

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 allows municipalities to set the term of office for registrars of voters. The bill also requires registrars of voters who serve four-year terms to be elected in presidential election years.

This bill 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 (1) gives towns discretion to set any term of office for registrars of voters and (2) requires registrars who serve four-year terms to be elected in the year of presidential elections. Under the bill, a town's legislative body may adopt an ordinance to establish the term. Under current law, registrars serve a two-year term unless the town enacts a charter provision or ordinance that sets a four-year term that may begin after either a gubernatorial or presidential election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

On April 15, the House referred the bill to the Planning and Development Committee. On April 23, that committee deleted the original file's (File 309) provision establishing a four-year term for all registrars and instead gave towns discretion to set any term of office.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 15 Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 7 Nay 6