



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 215

Senate Bill No. 340

Senate, April 8, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY RESIDENT ALIEN PROPERTY OWNERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 At any town meeting other than a regular or special town election
4 or at any meeting of any fire, sewer or school district or any other
5 municipal subdivision of any town incorporated by any special act,
6 any person who is an elector of such town may vote and any [citizen of
7 the United States] person of the age of eighteen years or more who,
8 jointly or severally, is liable to the town, district or subdivision for
9 taxes assessed against [him] such person on an assessment of not less
10 than one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list of such
11 town, district or subdivision, or who would be so liable if not entitled
12 to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (23), (25) or (26) of

13 section 12-81, may vote, unless restricted by the provisions of any
14 special act relating to such town, district or subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

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 allows individuals who are not United States citizens to vote at a town meeting or referendum, or municipal subdivision meeting or referendum if they are at least 18 years old and own and are liable for property taxes assessed at \$1,000 or more.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 340

AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY RESIDENT ALIEN PROPERTY OWNER**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows those who are not United States citizens to vote at a town meeting or referendum or a fire, sewer, or school district or municipal subdivision meeting or referendum, unless a special act imposes other restrictions. They must be at least 18 years old and own and be liable for taxes in the town, district, or subdivision on property assessed at \$1,000 or more on the latest grand list. A town meeting that is adjourned for a vote on a later date at polling places is considered a referendum.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0