



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5829

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA ON THE
ETHNICITY AND RACE OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICANTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to
5 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
6 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,
7 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,
8 ethnicity and race, whether he is a United States citizen, whether his
9 privileges as an elector are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime,
10 and whether he has previously been admitted as an elector in any
11 town in this or any other state. Each such applicant shall present his
12 birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card to the admitting
13 official for inspection at the time of application. Notwithstanding the
14 provisions of any special act or charter to the contrary, the application
15 form shall also, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State,
16 provide for application for enrollment in any political party. The form
17 shall indicate that such enrollment [is] and the ethnicity and race of the
18 applicant are not mandatory.

19 Sec. 2. Section 9-23h of the general statutes is repealed and the

20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2004*):

21 The application provided for in section 9-23g shall provide spaces
22 for the following information for each applicant: (1) Name, (2) bona
23 fide residence, including street number, street address, apartment
24 number if applicable, town and zip code, (3) telephone number, (4)
25 date of birth, (5) whether the applicant is registered as an elector in any
26 other town in the state of Connecticut or in any other state, and if so,
27 the applicant's last previous voting residence, (6) whether the
28 applicant is a United States citizen, (7) party affiliation, if any, (8)
29 ethnicity and race, and ~~[(8)]~~ (9) the applicant's signature and date of
30 signature. The spaces for the applicant's telephone number, ~~[and]~~ party
31 affiliation and ethnicity and race shall indicate that such information
32 does not have to be provided. No Social Security number on any such
33 form filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to
34 any governmental agency. The application shall contain a notice that if
35 the applicant does not receive a notice of acceptance or rejection of the
36 application from the office of the registrars of voters for the
37 municipality in which the applicant resides, the applicant should
38 contact said office. The application shall also contain any other
39 information, questions or instructions prescribed by the Secretary of
40 the State.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2004</i>

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*