



AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY AND EXTENDED VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE DUTIES OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
4 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
5 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of
6 each regular election. [(1)] The registrars of voters of each town shall
7 hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those
8 found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section.
9 Such sessions shall be held in the offices of the registrars of voters on
10 the following days during the hours indicated; [, except as provided in
11 subdivision (2) of this subsection:]

T1	Day	Hours
T2	[Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.]
T5	<u>Primary day.....</u>	<u>6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>
T6	Saturday of third week	
T7	before election day	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

T8	Fourteenth day	
T9	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
T10	<u>Election day.....</u>	<u>6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>

12 The session of the registrars of voters on the fourteenth day before
13 election day shall be the last regular session for the admission of
14 electors prior to an election [, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1.
15 (2) No town having a population of less than twenty-five thousand
16 persons shall be required to hold sessions for admission of electors on
17 the fourteenth day before primary day] held in accordance with the
18 provisions of section 9-20, as amended by this act. The sessions on
19 primary day and election day shall be held in accordance with the
20 provisions of section 3 of this act.

21 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the registrars
22 of voters shall hold a limited session on the last week day before each
23 regular election from nine o'clock a.m. to twelve o'clock noon for the
24 purpose of admitting only those persons whose qualifications as to
25 age, citizenship or residence in the municipality were attained after the
26 last session for the admission of electors prior to an election. The
27 registrars shall enter the names of those electors admitted at such
28 limited session on the proper list, with their residences by street and
29 numbers, if any, before one o'clock p.m. of such last week day before
30 the election.]

31 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
32 the registrars shall hold sessions in their offices between the thirteenth
33 and seventh days, inclusive, before election day to examine the
34 qualifications of electors and admit those found qualified in
35 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act. The registrars
36 shall post the hours of such sessions.

37 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and
38 (b) of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall hold one
39 session each year, between the first of January and the last day of the

40 school year, at each public high school in such town, for the admission
41 of persons who are eligible for admission under subsection (a) or (b) of
42 section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high school in a regional
43 school district, such session shall be held on a rotating basis by the
44 registrars of voters for each town which is a member of the regional
45 school district. The registrars of voters need not give notice of this
46 session by publication in a newspaper.

47 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The registrars of voters shall
48 examine the qualifications of electors at the sessions held between the
49 thirteenth and seventh days, inclusive, before the day of a regular
50 election, pursuant to section 9-17 of the general statutes, as amended
51 by this act, and admit those found qualified in accordance with the
52 provisions of section 9-20 of the general statutes, as amended by this
53 act, except that:

54 (1) Each applicant for admission shall present to the registrars a
55 preprinted form of identification that shows the applicant's name and
56 residence within the municipality in which the applicant is applying. If
57 the applicant does not have a preprinted form of identification that
58 includes a photograph of the applicant, the registrars shall provide for
59 a photograph of the applicant to be taken; and

60 (2) If the registrars admit the applicant as an elector, the registrars
61 shall attach to the elector's registration card a copy of the identification
62 presented by the elector and any such photograph taken of the elector,
63 until the registrars mail a confirmation of the elector's admission to the
64 elector's residential address and sufficient time passes to ensure
65 delivery of the confirmation by the United States Postal Service.

66 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The registrars of voters shall
67 examine the qualifications of electors at the session held on the day
68 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
69 accordance with section 9-423 of the general statutes or the day of a
70 regular election, pursuant to section 9-17 of the general statutes, as
71 amended by this act, or on the day that a presidential preference

101 applicant shall be guilty of perjury if the applicant intentionally makes
102 a false statement, under oath or affirmation, of a fact that the applicant
103 does not believe to be true;

104 (3) If the registrars admit the applicant as an elector, the registrars
105 shall give the elector a notice of acceptance, on a form as prescribed by
106 the Secretary of the State, that indicates the elector's voting district and
107 polling place. The registrars shall attach to such notice a copy of the
108 identification presented by the elector and any such photograph taken
109 of the elector. The registrar shall affix a permanent seal and signature
110 to the notice and such copies. The elector shall present such notice and
111 copies at the polling place to confirm the elector's eligibility to vote;

112 (4) The assistant registrars at a polling place shall add to the
113 supplementary list the name of each elector who presents a notice of
114 acceptance and copies of identification pursuant to subdivision (3) of
115 this section. The assistant registrars shall place the letters "ED" next to
116 the name of each such elector;

117 (5) If the registrars admit an applicant as an elector, the registrars
118 shall also attach a copy of the identification presented by the applicant
119 to the elector's registration card until the registrars mail a confirmation
120 of the elector's admission to the elector's residential address and
121 sufficient time passes to ensure delivery of the confirmation by the
122 United States Postal Service; and

123 (6) If the registrars admit an applicant as an elector and, upon
124 subsequent investigation in accordance with the National Voter
125 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, cannot validate the applicant, the
126 registrars shall place the name of the applicant on the inactive registry
127 list and forward such name to the State Elections Enforcement
128 Commission.

129 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State, in
130 cooperation with the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut,
131 shall train persons to train registrars of voters concerning the
132 provisions of section 9-17 of the general statutes, as amended by this

133 act, and sections 2 and 3 of this act. After receiving such training,
134 registrars of voters shall train their deputies and assistants and other
135 election officials concerning said provisions.

136 Sec. 5. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

138 Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this
139 title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275,
140 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, 30-10, 30-11, 45a-
141 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 shall have the following meanings:

142 (a) "Ballot label" means that portion of cardboard, paper or other
143 material placed on the front of the voting machine, containing the
144 names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional
145 amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;

146 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed
147 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;

148 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment
149 list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a
150 mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;

151 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors
152 choose public officials by use of voting machines or by paper ballots as
153 provided in sections 9-271 and 9-272;

154 (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications
155 prescribed by the Constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to
156 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;

157 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;

158 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;

159 (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held
160 in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose

161 public officials of such municipality;

162 (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town within the state;

163 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot label to be used at an
164 election, or the official paper ballot to be used thereat in accordance
165 with the provisions of sections 9-271 and 9-272;

166 (k) "Population" means the population according to the last-
167 completed United States census;

168 (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots
169 for President and Vice President of the United States;

170 (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical
171 process, but shall not include typewriting;

172 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is
173 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any
174 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section,
175 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors
176 or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
177 electors or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in
178 subsection (d) of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a
179 question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or
180 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such
181 electors or voters pursuant to section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or
182 special act;

183 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election;

184 (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality,
185 who shall be the administrators of elections held in the municipality;

186 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality
187 certified by the registrars;

188 (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election;

189 (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first
190 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered
191 years in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of
192 Connecticut;

193 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
194 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General;

195 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district
196 meetings under the provisions of section 7-6;

197 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political
198 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a
199 regular election;

200 (w) "Voting machine" means a machine, including but not limited
201 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and
202 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda;

203 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name
204 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for
205 which his name is written in. [;]

206 [(y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
207 means the day which is the fourteenth day prior to an election.]

208 Sec. 6. Section 9-19b of the general statutes is repealed and the
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

210 (a) Except during the period [between the last session for the
211 admission of electors] beginning on the thirteenth day prior to an
212 election and ending on the day [following that] of the election, the
213 town clerk or assistant town clerk, during office hours and at the office
214 of such official, may examine the qualifications of any person applying
215 in person to be admitted as an elector and approve such application.

216 (b) Except during the period [between the last session for the
217 admission of electors] beginning on the thirteenth day prior to an

218 election and ending on the day [following that] of the election, either
219 registrar of voters, or a deputy registrar, assistant registrar or special
220 assistant registrar appointed in accordance with the provisions of
221 section 9-192, may examine the qualifications of any person applying
222 to be admitted as an elector in the town, in accordance with the
223 provisions of section 9-20, as amended by this act, and, except for
224 applications submitted pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection,
225 approve such application submitted in person (1) at the office of such
226 official; (2) at any enrollment session of the registrars of voters; (3) at
227 any public place; (4) at any time and at any place in the town, other
228 than a public place; or (5) at any public office of the Department of
229 Motor Vehicles, Labor Department or Department of Social Services
230 which is located in the town in which the registrar, deputy registrar,
231 assistant registrar or special assistant registrar serves, if written notice
232 of the date and time is given seven days in advance thereof to the
233 commissioner of such department. Upon receipt of a written notice
234 under subdivision (5) of this subsection, the commissioner of the
235 department may designate a portion of the public office which shall be
236 used for the admission of electors. The other registrar, or any deputy,
237 assistant or special assistant registrar, shall be permitted to be present
238 during the admission of any person pursuant to subdivisions (4) and
239 (5) of this subsection. Applications accepted and examined prior to the
240 [last session for admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an
241 election pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection may be
242 approved after such [last session] fourteenth day. The admission of
243 any person pursuant to subdivision (4) shall be effective on the date
244 when both registrars approve such application. The registrar who
245 receives such application from the applicant shall give written notice
246 to the other registrar within one business day after such receipt and the
247 registrars shall forthwith act on such applications. No rejection of any
248 application under subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be effective
249 until the registrar has mailed to the other registrar and the applicant a
250 notice stating the reasons for the rejection. Any applicant whose
251 application is rejected may appeal under the provisions of section 9-
252 311.

253 (c) Such registrar, deputy, assistant or special assistant registrar
254 accepting applications in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection
255 (b) of this section shall provide the applicant with a receipt. Upon
256 approval or disapproval of the application, the registrars shall send a
257 notice thereof by first-class mail with instructions on the envelope that
258 it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown thereon. If such
259 notice of approval is returned undeliverable, the registrars shall take
260 the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43.

261 (d) During the period [between the last session for the admission of
262 electors] beginning on the sixth day prior to an election and [the
263 opening of the limited session for the admission of electors held]
264 ending on the last weekday before such election, [under section 9-17,
265 the town clerk or assistant town clerk during office hours and at the
266 office of such official and] either registrar of voters or a deputy or
267 assistant registrar at the office of such official may, in accordance with
268 the provisions of section 9-20, as amended by this act, examine the
269 qualifications of any person applying in person to be admitted in such
270 town and approve the application of such person whose qualifications
271 as to age, citizenship or residence in the municipality were attained
272 [after such last session and on or before the last weekday prior to such
273 election] during such period.

274 Sec. 7. Section 9-19c of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

276 (a) Upon the presentation to the town clerk or either registrar of
277 voters of any town of the signed application of twenty-five or more
278 persons who are employed by the same employer at the same place of
279 employment in such town, or twenty-five or more persons who attend
280 the same school, college or university which is located in such town, or
281 who reside at the same hospital, residential care home, rest home,
282 nursing home or convalescent home located in such town and who
283 believe that they possess the qualifications for admission as electors,
284 which application may be made at any time except during the period
285 between [seven days before the last session for the admission of

286 electors] twenty-one days prior to an election and the day following
287 such election, and shall be in form substantially as provided in section
288 9-19d; an admitting official, within the time hereinafter specified, shall
289 go to such place of employment, school, college, or university or
290 hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing home or
291 convalescent home for the purpose of taking and acting upon
292 applications for admission as electors of any persons who reside in any
293 Connecticut town and who are authorized to be on the premises. No
294 application need be accepted by such town clerk or registrars from
295 persons working at any such place of employment, attending any such
296 school, college or university or residing at any such hospital,
297 residential care home, rest home, nursing home or convalescent home
298 if a session for the admission of electors has been held on such
299 premises within one hundred twenty days prior to the making of such
300 petition. Such official to whom such application is presented shall,
301 within seven days after the receipt of such application, inform each
302 registrar of voters and the employer, or chief administrative officer of
303 the school, college or university or hospital, residential care home, rest
304 home, nursing home or convalescent home of the date and time at
305 which he will go to such place for such purpose, which date shall be
306 not less than seven days nor more than ten days after the sending of
307 the notice by such official to such employer or chief administrative
308 officer, except that no session shall be held after the [last session for
309 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election. The official
310 with whom the application is filed may request any other admitting
311 official to go in his stead.

312 (b) Such employer, or chief administrative officer, upon receipt of
313 such notice, shall provide a suitable place for the taking of applications
314 for admission as electors and shall forthwith cause a prominent notice
315 to be posted on the bulletin board or other place where general notices
316 to employees, students or residents are customarily posted, which
317 notice shall specify the date, place and hour at which such official will
318 receive such applications, and such notice shall remain posted through
319 the day of such taking of applications. Procedures under this section

320 shall conform as nearly as may be to the procedures for applications
321 for admission submitted pursuant to sections 9-19b, [9-19e,] 9-20, as
322 amended by this act, and 9-23a. No employer shall penalize or refuse
323 to pay an employee who proceeds under this section and section 9-19d,
324 and any employee proceeding under said sections shall be entitled to
325 be paid at his regular rate for up to one-half hour for the purpose of
326 making application to become an elector.

327 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 9-23g of the general statutes is
328 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
329 *passage*):

330 (a) In addition to the procedures for admission of electors under
331 sections 9-19b, as amended by this act, 9-19c, as amended by this act,
332 [9-19e,] 9-20 and 9-31, any person may apply to a registrar of voters of
333 the town of his residence for admission as an elector in accordance
334 with the provisions of this section and section 9-23h.

335 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 9-23g of the general statutes is
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
337 *passage*):

338 (b) The Secretary of the State shall prescribe, and provide to
339 registrars of voters, town clerks and voter registration agencies, as
340 defined in section 9-23n, application forms and other materials
341 necessary to complete such application and admission process. The
342 Secretary of the State, registrars of voters and town clerks shall provide
343 a reasonable number of such forms and materials to any elector who
344 requests such forms and materials. The secretary shall also, in the
345 course of the secretary's elections duties, prepare instructions and
346 related materials describing procedures for such application and
347 admission process and shall provide the materials to registrars of
348 voters and town clerks. The application shall contain the information
349 required under section 9-23h. All statements of the applicant shall be
350 made under the penalties of perjury. The application for admission as
351 an elector shall include a statement that (1) specifies each eligibility

352 requirement, (2) contains an attestation that the application meets each
353 such requirement, and (3) requires the signature of the applicant under
354 penalty of perjury. Nothing in this section or section 9-23h shall
355 require that the application be executed in the state. An applicant who
356 is unable to write may cause the applicant's name to be signed on the
357 application form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space
358 provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed
359 by the word "by" and the agent's own signature. The completed
360 application may be mailed or returned in person to the office of the
361 registrars of voters or the office of the town clerk of the applicant's
362 town of residence or a voter registration agency. If the applicant
363 entrusts the applicant's application to another person or to such a voter
364 registration agency for mailing or return to the registrars of voters,
365 such person or agency shall immediately mail or return the
366 application. Any such person who returns the application for the
367 applicant between the twenty-eighth day and the fourteenth day,
368 inclusive, before an election shall print such person's name, residential
369 address and telephone number and sign a statement indicating that
370 such person is returning the application for the applicant. Any such
371 voter registration agency shall also provide the applicant with an
372 application receipt, on which the agency shall record the date that the
373 agency received the application, using an official date stamp bearing
374 the name of the agency. The agency shall provide such receipt whether
375 the application was submitted in person or by mail. The town clerk
376 shall promptly forward any application which the town clerk receives
377 to the registrars of voters. Such application form shall be provided by
378 or authorized by the Secretary of the State.

379 Sec. 10. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the
380 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
381 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

382 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
383 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
384 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received
385 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously

386 provided to the applicant pursuant to [section 9-19e,] subsection (b) of
387 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an
388 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of
389 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new
390 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice
391 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and
392 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be
393 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to
394 the checkers at the polling place a preprinted form of identification
395 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
396 section 9-261.

397 Sec. 11. Section 9-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the
398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

399 (a) As used in this section and section 9-31b, "permanently
400 physically disabled person" means a person who, by reason of a major
401 defect or infirmity of body, whether congenital or acquired by
402 accident, injury or disease, is permanently physically incapacitated to a
403 degree that prevents him and will continue to prevent him from
404 appearing in person at the office of the town clerk or registrars of the
405 town where he temporarily or permanently resides.

406 (b) Any permanently physically disabled person may, in the manner
407 prescribed under this section and upon a form as prescribed under
408 section 9-31b, apply to the town clerk or either registrar of voters of
409 such town for examination and admission as an elector of any
410 Connecticut town. (1) In the case of a permanently physically disabled
411 person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in such
412 town are attained on or before the [last session for admission of
413 electors] fourteenth day prior to an election to be held in the town, the
414 application shall be submitted so that it will be received by such town
415 clerk or either registrar of voters not later than such [last session] day.
416 Upon receipt of the application, [the town clerk or] either registrar of
417 voters shall notify the applicant of the day, and the hour, such day to
418 be within ten days of the receipt of the application, at which an

419 admitting official shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or
420 permanent residence of the applicant. (2) In the case of a permanently
421 physically disabled person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship
422 or residence in such town are attained after the [last session for
423 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election to be held in
424 the town, the application shall be submitted so that it will be received
425 by such town clerk or either registrar of voters, [not later than the
426 opening of the limited session for the admission of electors held, under
427 section 9-17, on the last weekday prior to the election.] Upon receipt of
428 [the] any such application by the town clerk, the town clerk [or] shall
429 immediately transmit the application to either registrar of voters. Upon
430 receipt of any such application by either registrar of voters from the
431 applicant or the town clerk, such registrar shall notify the applicant of
432 the day, and the hour, [such day and hour to be not later than 5:00 p.m.
433 on the last weekday before the election,] at which an admitting official
434 shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or permanent residence
435 of the applicant.

436 (c) Such admitting official shall meet at the appointed time with the
437 applicant for the purpose of examining his qualifications as an elector
438 and for the purpose of admitting him as an elector if the applicant is
439 found qualified. Such official shall make available to the applicant at
440 such time, upon request, a copy of the statement that specifies each
441 eligibility requirement and contains an attestation that the applicant
442 meets each such requirement (1) in video form in accordance with
443 procedures established by the registrars of voters, and (2) in braille,
444 large print and audio form. Such official shall provide the applicant
445 with a written notice of approval or disapproval at that time, [, except
446 as otherwise provided in section 9-19e.] Any person making
447 application for registration under this section shall be entitled to the
448 privileges of an elector and party enrollment, if applicable, from the
449 time such application for admission as an elector is approved by the
450 town clerk or registrars of voters of his voting residence.

451 Sec. 12. Section 9-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the
452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

453 Except during the period between the [last session for the admission
454 of electors] thirteenth day prior to an election and the day [following
455 that] of the election, inclusive, any elector of any municipality who
456 desires to relinquish his rights as an elector and to have his name
457 erased from the registry list shall make a signed written request to the
458 registrars of voters of such municipality. Upon receipt of such
459 application, the registrars shall remove the elector's name from the
460 registry list and any enrollment list. Any person whose name has been
461 removed from the registry list pursuant to this section may reapply for
462 admission as an elector at any time, without prejudice on account of
463 such removal. In the event such person is admitted as an elector, the
464 registrar of the municipality shall notify the registrars of the
465 municipality where such person resided at the time of his
466 relinquishment that his electoral privileges have been restored.

467 Sec. 13. Section 9-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
468 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

469 The registrars of all towns shall [, on the second Friday preceding a
470 regular election,] deposit in the town clerk's office the final registry list
471 arranged as provided in section 9-35 and certified by them to be
472 correct, and shall retain a sufficient number of copies to be used by
473 them at such election for the purpose of checking the names of those
474 who vote. They shall place on such final list, in the order provided in
475 section 9-35, the names of all persons who have been admitted as
476 electors. In each municipality said registrars shall also cause to be
477 prepared and printed and deposited in the town clerk's office a
478 supplementary or updated list containing the names and addresses of
479 electors to be transferred, restored or added to such list [prior to the
480 sixth day before] not later than the day after such election. [, provided
481 in municipalities having a population of less than twenty-five
482 thousand, such additional names may be inserted in writing in such
483 final list.] Such final registry list and supplementary or updated list
484 deposited in the town clerk's office shall be on file in such office for
485 public inspection for a period of two years, and any elector may make
486 copies thereof.

487 Sec. 14. Section 9-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
488 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

489 [The] During the fourteen-day period before a regular election, the
490 registrars of each municipality shall print copies of the final registry
491 list for distribution in such municipality and in all the voting districts,
492 [located therein, provided nothing in sections 9-12 to 9-45, inclusive,
493 shall require the printing of more than one final registry list for any
494 voting district in any one year.] With each printing such registrars
495 shall retain at least two copies of such lists and such copies shall be
496 available for public use in the office of the registrars for a period of two
497 years. The registrars shall, upon request, give to a candidate for
498 election to the General Assembly a copy of the final registry list for
499 each voting district included in the General Assembly district for
500 which such person is a candidate.

501 Sec. 15. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
502 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
503 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

504 (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars
505 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation
506 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter
507 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, as
508 amended by this act, section 9-19b, as amended by this act, [9-19e, 9-
509 19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as amended by this act, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, as
510 amended by this act, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, as amended by
511 this act, 9-26, 9-31a, as amended by this act, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, as
512 amended by this act, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, as
513 amended by this act, 9-168d, 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-
514 436, 9-436a, 9-453e to 9-453h, inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, or (B) two
515 thousand dollars per offense or twice the amount of any improper
516 payment or contribution, whichever is greater, against any person the
517 commission finds to be in violation of any provision of chapter 150.
518 The commission may levy a civil penalty against any person under
519 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision only after giving the

520 person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in
521 accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the case of
522 failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this subsection
523 within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or registered mail
524 to such person, the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford,
525 on application of the commission, may issue an order requiring such
526 person to pay the penalty imposed and such court costs, state
527 marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the commission as the
528 court may determine. Any civil penalties paid, collected or recovered
529 under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for a violation of any
530 provision of chapter 150 applying to the office of the Treasurer shall be
531 deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as defined in section 3-
532 13c, affected by such violation.

533 Sec. 16. Subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
534 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
535 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

536 (10) To consult with the United States Department of Justice and the
537 United States Attorney for Connecticut on any investigation pertaining
538 to a violation of this section, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17,
539 as amended by this act, or section 9-19b, as amended by this act, [9-19e,
540 9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as amended by this act, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, as
541 amended by this act, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, 9-26, 9-31a, as
542 amended by this act, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, as amended by this act, 9-35c, 9-
543 40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 or 9-59, as amended by this act, and to refer
544 to said department and attorney evidence bearing upon any such
545 violation for prosecution under the provisions of the National Voter
546 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

547 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is
548 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
549 *passage*):

550 (b) The applicant's statement shall be delivered to the registrars
551 immediately and shall be kept by the registrars as a public record in a

552 safe depository, except that no Social Security number obtained by the
553 registrars prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to
554 any governmental agency. Any such statement of an elector whose
555 name has been removed from the registry list for a period of at least
556 five years may be placed on microfilm, destroyed or otherwise
557 disposed of by such registrars, in the manner provided in section 7-
558 109. Upon the request of any elector, or if the applicant does not
559 present a birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card as
560 required by subsection (a) of this section, at the time an application is
561 made in person to an admitting official or prior to the approval of such
562 an application, any admitting official shall require the applicant to
563 prove his identity, place of birth, age and bona fide residence by the
564 testimony under oath of at least one elector or by the presentation of
565 proof satisfactory to such admitting official. Each person found
566 qualified shall thereupon be admitted as an elector, except as provided
567 in sections 9-12 [, 9-19e, 9-19g] and 9-30. The registrars may request an
568 elector whose date of birth is missing from their records to voluntarily
569 furnish his date of birth. Any admitting official may administer oaths
570 in any matter coming before him under section 9-12, 9-17, as amended
571 by this act, 9-19b, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of section 9-
572 19c, as amended by this act, section [9-19e, 9-19g,] 9-23, 9-23a, 9-25, 9-
573 31a, as amended by this act, 9-31b, 9-31l, 9-40a or this section. Said
574 admitting official shall prohibit any activity which interferes with the
575 orderly process of admission of electors.

576 Sec. 18. Section 9-23j of the general statutes is repealed and the
577 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

578 As used in sections 9-7b, as amended by this act, and 9-12,
579 subsection (a) of section 9-17, as amended by this act, sections 9-19b, as
580 amended by this act, [9-19e, 9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as amended by
581 this act, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, as amended by this act, 9-23h, 9-23k to 9-
582 23o, inclusive, as amended by this act, 9-26, 9-31a, as amended by this
583 act, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, as amended by this act, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-
584 50a, 9-56 and 9-59, as amended by this act, "public assistance offices"
585 means offices of state agencies that administer or provide services

586 under the food stamp, Medicaid, Women, Infants and Children, and
587 temporary family assistance programs.

588 Sec. 19. Section 9-23k of the general statutes is repealed and the
589 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

590 The Secretary of the State shall be the chief state election official
591 responsible for coordination of state responsibilities under the
592 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from
593 time to time, except that the State Elections Enforcement Commission
594 shall be responsible for the investigation of any complaint alleging a
595 violation of sections 9-7b, as amended by this act, and 9-12, subsection
596 (a) of section 9-17, as amended by this act, sections 9-19b, as amended
597 by this act, [9-19e, 9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as amended by this act, 9-
598 21, 9-23a, 9-23g, as amended by this act, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive,
599 as amended by this act, 9-26, 9-31a, as amended by this act, 9-32, 9-35,
600 9-35b, as amended by this act, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 and 9-
601 59, as amended by this act, and shall have the authority to enforce the
602 provisions of said sections by use of its powers as prescribed in section
603 9-7b, as amended by this act.

604 Sec. 20. Section 9-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the
605 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

606 Any elector whose name appears on any enrollment list or who has
607 made application for enrollment may, at any time, make a written
608 application, on an application form for admission as an elector, which
609 shall be signed by such elector, to either registrar for erasure of his
610 name from such list or for transfer of his name to the enrollment list of
611 another party. If an elector makes an application for erasure, his name
612 shall be erased from said enrollment list and, if a municipality is
613 having a primary in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote,
614 under section 9-431, such elector's name shall be placed on the list of
615 unaffiliated electors together with the date he is eligible to vote in a
616 primary. If an elector makes an application for transfer, his name shall
617 be transferred to the enrollment list of another party, together with the

618 effective date of such transfer. Any elector whose name has been
619 transferred from one enrollment list to another or who has applied for
620 erasure or transfer of his name from an enrollment list shall not be
621 entitled to vote in a caucus or primary of any party or be entitled to the
622 privileges accompanying enrollment in any party for a period of three
623 months from the date of the filing of his application for transfer or for
624 erasure. Any elector who removes his name from the registry list and
625 from an enrollment list in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
626 35b shall not be entitled to enroll in any political party or vote in any
627 primary for three months after such removal. The registrars of voters
628 shall state, on the notice of acceptance sent under sections 9-23g, as
629 amended by this act, and 9-19b, as amended by this act, [and 9-19e,]
630 the date enrollment privileges take effect, if delayed.

631 Sec. 21. Section 9-158a of the general statutes is repealed and the
632 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

633 As used in sections 9-139c, 9-140b, 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, and
634 9-307:

635 (1) "Federal election" means any general or special election or any
636 primary held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating
637 or electing any candidate for the office of President, Vice President,
638 presidential elector, member of the United States Senate or member of
639 the United States House of Representatives;

640 (2) "Former resident" means a person who was a bona fide resident
641 of a town in this state and who has [~~removed~~] moved from that town
642 to another state less than thirty days before the day of a presidential
643 election and who for that reason is unable to register to vote in the
644 election in [~~his~~] said person's present [~~town or~~] state of residence;

645 (3) "Overseas elector" means any person permitted to vote pursuant
646 to subsection (b) of section 9-158b;

647 (4) "Presidential election" means an election at which electors of
648 President and Vice-President are elected;

649 (5) "Resident" means a bona fide resident of a town in this state;

650 (6) "State" includes any of the several states, the District of
651 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin
652 Islands; and

653 (7) "United States" includes the several states, the District of
654 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin
655 Islands, but does not include American Samoa, The Canal Zone, the
656 trust territory of the Pacific Islands or any other territory or possession
657 of the United States.

658 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 9-158b of the general statutes is
659 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
660 *passage*):

661 (a) Each citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of
662 age, is a [resident or] former resident and [who] has not forfeited [his]
663 said citizen's electoral privileges because of a disfranchising crime,
664 may vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors, but for no
665 other offices, in the town in this state in which [he resides, or] said
666 citizen formerly resided in the manner provided in sections 9-158c to 9-
667 158m, inclusive, as amended by this act.

668 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 9-158c of the general statutes is
669 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
670 *passage*):

671 (a) Not earlier than forty-five days before the election and not later
672 than the close of the polls on election day, each [resident, or] former
673 resident who desires to vote in a presidential election under sections 9-
674 158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as amended by this act, may apply for a
675 "presidential ballot" to the municipal clerk of the town in which [he]
676 said former resident is qualified to vote on the form prescribed in
677 section 9-158d, as amended by this act. Application for a "presidential
678 ballot" may be made in person or absentee, in the manner provided for
679 applying for an absentee ballot under section 9-140, except as provided

680 in said sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as amended by this act.

681 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-158d of the general statutes is
682 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
683 *passage*):

684 (a) The application for a presidential ballot shall be a form signed in
685 duplicate by the applicant under penalty of false statement in absentee
686 balloting, which shall provide substantially as follows:

687 To the Town Clerk of the Town of ..., Connecticut

688 I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of false statement in
689 absentee balloting that the following statements are true:

690 1. I am a citizen of the United States.

691 2. I have not forfeited my electoral privileges because of conviction
692 of a disfranchising crime.

693 3. I was born on ..., and on the day of the next presidential election,
694 I shall be at least 18 years of age. [Check and complete 4 or 5,
695 whichever applies:]

696 [4. RESIDENT. I am a bona fide resident of the above town, to
697 which I am making this application, and I reside at ... Street. I moved
698 to said town on the ... day of ..., 20... Before becoming a resident of
699 said town, I resided at ... Street, in the Town of ... County of ..., State
700 of ...]

701 [5.] 4. FORMER RESIDENT. I am a former resident of the above
702 town, to which I am making this application, and resided at ... Street
703 therein. I moved from such town to my present town of residence on
704 the ... day of ..., 20.., being within thirty days before the date of the
705 next presidential election, and for that reason I cannot register to vote
706 in said presidential election in my present town of residence. I am now
707 a bona fide resident of the Town of ..., in the state of ..., now residing
708 at ... Street therein.

709 [6.] 5. I hereby apply for a "presidential ballot" for the election to be
710 held on ..., 20... I have not voted and will not vote otherwise than by
711 this ballot at that election. I am not eligible to vote for electors of
712 President and Vice-President [in any other town in Connecticut or] in
713 any other state.

714 [7.] 6. The said ballot is to be given to me personally mailed to me at
715 (bona fide mailing address)

716 Dated at ..., this ... day of ... 20...

717 (Signature of applicant)

718 Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 9-158e of the general statutes is
719 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
720 *passage*):

721 (a) Upon receipt of an application for a presidential ballot under
722 sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as amended by this act, the clerk,
723 if satisfied that the application is proper and that the applicant is
724 qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give or mail to the
725 applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential and vice-
726 presidential electors for use at the election and instructions and
727 envelopes for its return. At such time the clerks shall also mail a
728 duplicate of the application to the appropriate official of [(1) the state
729 or the town in this state in which the applicant last resided in the case
730 of an applicant who is a resident, or (2)] the state [or the town in this
731 state] in which the applicant now resides. [in the case of an applicant
732 who is a former resident.]

733 Sec. 26. Section 9-158j of the general statutes is repealed and the
734 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

735 Upon receipt of an application for a "Presidential Ballot" or
736 "Overseas Ballot" the town clerk shall forthwith notify the registrars of
737 voters of the applicant's name, with a notation designating [him] the
738 applicant as a person voting for presidential and vice-presidential

739 electors or federal offices only. If the name of a presidential voter [who
740 is a former resident] appears on the registry list, the registrars shall
741 insert the letters "pf" in the margin preceding [his] the voter's name.
742 The registrars shall prepare a list of names and addresses of
743 presidential voters and overseas electors whose names do not appear
744 on the registry list, for each voting district, which list shall accompany
745 the check list to be used at such election in such district. The registrars
746 shall insert the letters "pf" in the margin of such list of presidential
747 voters preceding the name of each applicant, [who is a former
748 resident.]

749 Sec. 27. Section 9-158k of the general statutes is repealed and the
750 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

751 The municipal clerk shall file each duplicate application or other
752 official information received by [him] such clerk from another state, [or
753 from another town in this state,] indicating that a person who formerly
754 resided [or presently resides] in such town has made application to
755 vote at a presidential election in such other state, [or town,] and shall
756 maintain an alphabetical index of such information for a period of one
757 hundred eighty days after the election. The clerk shall compare each
758 such application or statement of information with applications made
759 under the provisions of sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, as
760 amended by this act, and, after the election, with the names checked
761 off as having voted on the check list for the election, to ascertain that
762 any such person has not voted more than once. Whenever the record
763 indicates that any person has applied for a presidential ballot and
764 indicated in [his] such person's application that [he] such person is
765 applying as a former resident, and there is record evidence that such
766 person has applied in another state [or town] as a new resident, the
767 applicant's ballot shall not be cast in [his] such person's former town of
768 residence.

769 Sec. 28. Section 9-23a of the general statutes is repealed and the
770 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

771 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 3
772 of this act, no person admitted as an elector after twelve o'clock noon
773 on the last business day before a primary shall be permitted to vote in
774 such primary.

775 (b) An applicant for admission or enrollment under section 9-26
776 shall be entitled to vote in a primary if he files his application for
777 admission or enrollment with the town clerk before the day of the
778 primary and is otherwise eligible to vote in the primary.

779 Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 1, 2004, the
780 Secretary of the State, in consultation with the State Elections
781 Enforcement Commission and registrars of voters, shall submit a
782 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
783 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
784 having cognizance of matters relating to elections on the
785 implementation of the provisions of section 9-1, subdivisions (2) and
786 (10) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b, sections 9-17, 9-19b, 9-19c,
787 subsection (b) of section 9-20, section 9-23a, subsections (a), (b) and (d)
788 of section 9-23g, sections 9-23j, 9-23k, 9-31a, 9-35b, 9-38, 9-39, 9-59, 9-
789 158a, subsection (a) of section 9-158b, subsection (a) of section 9-158c,
790 subsection (a) of section 9-158d, subsection (a) of section 9-158e and
791 sections 9-158j and 9-158k of the general statutes, as amended by this
792 act, and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act.

793 (b) Said report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) A review and
794 assessment of said sections with regard to the elections held in
795 November, 2003, including (A) the implementation of the new voter
796 identification requirements, (B) the experience of voters and election
797 officials at polling places and voter registration sites, the length of the
798 lines at polling places and voter registration sites and the ability of
799 registrars of voters, moderators and election officials to implement the
800 new voter registration procedures, (C) a summary of the number of
801 voters participating in the elections, the number of individuals
802 utilizing the election day registration option, and the number of people
803 experiencing delays or difficulty in complying with new voter

804 identification procedures, and (D) other issues pertinent to the conduct
805 of the elections, and (2) recommendations for administrative changes
806 or amendments to said sections to address issues raised by the report.

807 (c) Not later than December 31, 2003, registrars of voters shall
808 submit to the Secretary of the State any information required by the
809 Secretary for the completion of the report in accordance with
810 subsection (a) of this section.

811 Sec. 30. Section 9-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
812 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

813 (a) [In towns which do not have full-time registrars of voters with
814 regular office hours, the] The registrars of voters shall post, at the town
815 hall or municipal building in the town in which they serve, the hours
816 they are available to the public.

817 (b) The registrars shall enter the name, residence, [place and] date
818 of birth and date of admission of each person admitted as an elector
819 [shall be entered by the town clerk] in the records of [such town] the
820 registrars' office, which shall be prima facie evidence that each such
821 person possesses the requisite qualifications of an elector. [In towns
822 which do have full-time registrars of voters with regular office hours,
823 such registrars] The registrars shall also enter such voter information
824 in the state-wide centralized voter registration system and shall
825 maintain such voter information for active electors in a fire-proof
826 cabinet in the registrars' office. The registrars shall file monthly in the
827 office of the town clerk [a record of each person admitted as an elector,
828 bearing the name, residence, place and date of birth and date of
829 admission of such person. For purposes of this section, full-time
830 registrars of voters include those registrars whose offices maintain
831 daily office hours] an updated list of active electors in the town.

832 [(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply in
833 towns whose registrars maintain all applications for admission as an
834 elector on file as permanent records, in manual files or on microfilm,
835 pursuant to a retention schedule approved by the Public Records

836 Administrator, or maintain an inactive elector file as a permanent
 837 record, by means of electronic data processing, pursuant to a retention
 838 schedule approved by the Public Records Administrator.]

839 Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) Sections 9-19e and 9-19g of the
 840 general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>
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Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>

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