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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER
REGISTRATION SYSTEM."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-238 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Except as provided in sections 9-271 and 9-272, voting machines
6 shall be used at all elections held in any municipality, or in any part
7 thereof, for voting and registering and counting votes cast at such
8 elections for officers, and upon all questions or amendments submitted
9 at such elections. The board of selectmen of each town, the common
10 council of each city and the warden and burgesses of each borough
11 shall purchase or lease, or otherwise provide, for use at elections in
12 each such municipality a number of voting machines approved by the
13 Secretary of the State sufficient to provide a voting machine for each
14 nine hundred or fraction of nine hundred electors whose names are on

15 the last-completed registry list of such municipality and, in
16 municipalities divided into voting districts, a number of such voting
17 machines sufficient to provide for each voting district a voting
18 machine for each nine hundred or fraction of nine hundred electors
19 whose names are on the last-completed registry list for such voting
20 district. In determining such number of electors, such officials shall not
21 count the names on such registry lists of seventy-five per cent of the
22 electors who reside in institutions, as defined in section 9-159q. In
23 addition, such officials in each municipality having less than five
24 thousand electors as ascertained by the report filed with the Secretary
25 of the State under section 9-238a shall, except as hereinafter provided,
26 provide for all elections in such municipality at least one additional
27 voting machine, and such officials in each municipality having
28 between five thousand and twenty-five thousand electors shall
29 provide at least two additional voting machines therefor; and such
30 officials in each municipality having between twenty-five thousand
31 and fifty thousand electors shall provide at least three additional
32 voting machines therefor, and such officials in each municipality of
33 fifty thousand or more such electors shall provide at least four
34 additional voting machines therefor. In any municipality having less
35 than five thousand electors, in lieu of such additional voting machine,
36 the foregoing officials may provide at least one thousand absentee
37 ballots or a number equal to the number of names on the last-
38 completed registry list in such municipality, whichever is smaller, for
39 use as emergency paper ballots under section 9-263; provided in any
40 such municipality which is divided into political subdivisions and in
41 which the absentee ballots are not uniform throughout the
42 municipality, such officials shall provide at least one thousand copies
43 of such absentee ballots for each such political subdivision in which
44 ballot labels differ, or a number equal to the number of names on the
45 last-completed registry list in such political subdivision, whichever is
46 smaller. Different voting machines may be provided for different
47 voting districts in the same municipality. Notwithstanding any
48 provision of this subsection to the contrary, the registrars of voters of a
49 municipality may determine the number of voting machines that shall

50 be provided for use at any special election in such municipality,
51 provided the registrars shall provide at least one voting machine in the
52 municipality or, in a municipality divided into voting districts, at least
53 one voting machine in each such district.

54 (b) Upon the purchase or lease of a voting machine for use in any
55 municipality, the officials of such municipality purchasing or leasing
56 the same shall forthwith send notification in writing to the Secretary of
57 the State of the name or make of such machine, the name of the person
58 who manufactured the same, the name of the person from whom it
59 was purchased or leased, the date on which it was purchased or leased
60 and its serial number. After October 1, 1970, no voting machine
61 manufactured prior to January 1, 1927, shall be used at any election in
62 this state and no voting machine manufactured after said date shall be
63 used in an election, which voting machine, in the opinion of the
64 Secretary of the State, does not conform to the requirements of law or
65 is unsuitable for use in such election. Notwithstanding any provision
66 of this title, a municipality may use mechanical lever voting machines
67 at all elections, primaries and referenda held in the municipality
68 pursuant to this title.

69 (c) When in any municipality the use of a voting machine at
70 elections is discontinued because of its age or condition or because it is
71 sold, or for any other reason, such officials shall send written
72 notification to said secretary of the discontinuance of such machine, of
73 the time of and reason for such discontinuance and of the information
74 required in connection with notification of original purchasing or
75 leasing."