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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC
UTILITY STATUTES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 16-331 of the general statutes is amended by
4 adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (d)
6 of this section, the department shall not renew a franchise for a term of
7 more than five years if the department determines that the person,
8 association or corporation, during the term of the prior franchise, has
9 substantially failed to provide candidates for a state or municipal
10 political office with a minimum of sixty minutes of run of the station
11 advertising time, not including community access programming at no
12 charge during the sixty days prior to the date of any state or municipal
13 election. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the department to
14 set specific rates for service or associated equipment."