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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 963

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL UNIONS."**

1 Change the effective date of sections 1 to 21, inclusive, to "Effective  
2 July 1, 2006"

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) The following question shall be  
6 transmitted upon receipt by the Secretary of the State to the municipal  
7 clerk of each town at least thirty days before November 8, 2005, and on  
8 November 8, 2005, a special advisory referendum shall be held in each  
9 such town on that question. The referendum shall be held in  
10 conjunction with the municipal election to be held in each such town  
11 except that a special election shall be held for this purpose in towns  
12 that do not have a municipal election scheduled for that date. The  
13 municipal clerk or assistant clerk in each town shall warn the electors  
14 in the town to meet on the date and at the hour prescribed for the  
15 referendum and at the usual place or places of holding municipal

16 elections in the town, for the purpose of their approval or disapproval  
17 of the question: "Shall the state adopt a legal process for persons of the  
18 same sex to enter into a civil union thereby availing themselves of  
19 benefits, protections and responsibilities equivalent to those of a  
20 married couple?".

21 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) The special advisory referendum  
22 shall be organized and conducted in the same manner as a municipal  
23 election and the vote shall be declared, certified, directed, deposited,  
24 returned and transmitted in the same manner as a municipal election.  
25 The hours for such referendum shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

26 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) The municipal clerk of each town  
27 shall, within ten days after November 8, 2005, return to the Secretary  
28 of the State a statement of the vote on the special advisory referendum  
29 question. The vote shall be of no legal effect and no recanvass shall be  
30 required except as may be required in the course of an investigation of  
31 election law violations. The provisions of chapter 152 of the general  
32 statutes relating to referenda shall apply to the special advisory  
33 referendum."