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Senate Bill No. 152

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The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SUFFIELD-EAST GRANBY PROBATE DISTRICT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 45a-2 of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 1 of public act 04-19, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 3, 2007*):

4 The probate districts of the state, for all purposes for which they
5 were constituted, shall be as follows:

6 (a) Hartford County

7 The district of Hartford, consisting of the town of Hartford.

8 The district of Avon, consisting of the town of Avon.

9 The district of Berlin, consisting of the towns of Berlin and New
10 Britain.

- 11 The district of Bloomfield, consisting of the town of Bloomfield.
- 12 The district of Bristol, consisting of the town of Bristol.
- 13 The district of Burlington, consisting of the town of Burlington.
- 14 The district of Canton, consisting of the town of Canton.
- 15 [The district of East Granby, consisting of the town of East Granby.]
- 16 The district of East Hartford, consisting of the town of East
17 Hartford.
- 18 The district of East Windsor, consisting of the towns of East
19 Windsor and South Windsor.
- 20 The district of Enfield, consisting of the town of Enfield.
- 21 The district of Farmington, consisting of the town of Farmington.
- 22 The district of Glastonbury, consisting of the town of Glastonbury.
- 23 The district of Granby, consisting of the town of Granby.
- 24 The district of Manchester, consisting of the town of Manchester.
- 25 The district of Marlborough, consisting of the town of Marlborough.
- 26 The district of Newington, consisting of the towns of Newington,
27 Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.
- 28 The district of Plainville, consisting of the town of Plainville.
- 29 The district of Simsbury, consisting of the town of Simsbury.
- 30 The district of Southington, consisting of the town of Southington.
- 31 The district of [Suffield] Suffield-East Granby, consisting of the
32 [town] towns of Suffield and East Granby.
- 33 The district of West Hartford, consisting of the town of West

34 Hartford.

35 The district of Windsor, consisting of the town of Windsor.

36 The district of Windsor Locks, consisting of the town of Windsor
37 Locks.

38 (b) New Haven County

39 The district of New Haven, consisting of the town of New Haven.

40 The district of Bethany, consisting of the town of Bethany.

41 The district of Branford, consisting of the town of Branford.

42 The district of Cheshire, consisting of the towns of Cheshire and
43 Prospect.

44 The district of Derby, consisting of the towns of Derby, Ansonia and
45 Seymour.

46 The district of East Haven, consisting of the town of East Haven.

47 The district of Guilford, consisting of the town of Guilford.

48 The district of Hamden, consisting of the town of Hamden.

49 The district of Madison, consisting of the town of Madison.

50 The district of Meriden, consisting of the town of Meriden.

51 The district of Milford, consisting of the town of Milford.

52 The district of Naugatuck, consisting of the towns of Naugatuck and
53 Beacon Falls.

54 The district of North Branford, consisting of the town of North
55 Branford.

56 The district of North Haven, consisting of the town of North Haven.

- 57 The district of Orange, consisting of the town of Orange.
- 58 The district of Oxford, consisting of the town of Oxford.
- 59 The district of Southbury, consisting of the town of Southbury.
- 60 The district of Wallingford, consisting of the town of Wallingford.
- 61 The district of Waterbury, consisting of the towns of Waterbury,
62 Middlebury and Wolcott.
- 63 The district of West Haven, consisting of the town of West Haven.
- 64 The district of Woodbridge, consisting of the town of Woodbridge.
- 65 (c) New London County
- 66 The district of New London, consisting of the towns of New London
67 and Waterford.
- 68 The district of Norwich, consisting of the towns of Norwich,
69 Franklin, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.
- 70 The district of Bozrah, consisting of the town of Bozrah.
- 71 The district of Colchester, consisting of the towns of Colchester and
72 Lebanon.
- 73 The district of East Lyme, consisting of the town of East Lyme.
- 74 The district of Griswold, consisting of the town of Griswold.
- 75 The district of Groton, consisting of the town of Groton.
- 76 The district of Ledyard, consisting of the town of Ledyard.
- 77 The district of Lyme, consisting of the town of Lyme.
- 78 The district of Montville, consisting of the town of Montville.
- 79 The district of North Stonington, consisting of the town of North

80 Stonington.

81 The district of Old Lyme, consisting of the town of Old Lyme.

82 The district of Salem, consisting of the town of Salem.

83 The district of Stonington, consisting of the town of Stonington.

84 (d) Fairfield County

85 The district of Bridgeport, consisting of the town of Bridgeport.

86 The district of Danbury, consisting of the town of Danbury.

87 The district of Bethel, consisting of the town of Bethel.

88 The district of Brookfield, consisting of the town of Brookfield.

89 The district of Darien, consisting of the town of Darien.

90 The district of Fairfield, consisting of the town of Fairfield.

91 The district of Greenwich, consisting of the town of Greenwich.

92 The district of New Canaan, consisting of the town of New Canaan.

93 The district of New Fairfield, consisting of the towns of New
94 Fairfield and Sherman.

95 The district of Newtown, consisting of the town of Newtown.

96 The district of Norwalk, consisting of the towns of Norwalk and
97 Wilton.

98 The district of Redding, consisting of the town of Redding.

99 The district of Ridgefield, consisting of the town of Ridgefield.

100 The district of Shelton, consisting of the town of Shelton.

101 The district of Stamford, consisting of the town of Stamford.

102 The district of Stratford, consisting of the town of Stratford.

103 The district of Trumbull, consisting of the towns of Trumbull,
104 Easton and Monroe.

105 The district of Westport, consisting of the towns of Westport and
106 Weston.

107 (e) Windham County

108 The district of Windham, consisting of the towns of Windham and
109 Scotland.

110 The district of Ashford, consisting of the town of Ashford.

111 The district of Brooklyn, consisting of the town of Brooklyn.

112 The district of Eastford, consisting of the towns of Eastford and
113 Chaplin.

114 The district of Hampton, consisting of the town of Hampton.

115 The district of Killingly, consisting of the town of Killingly.

116 The district of Plainfield, consisting of the towns of Plainfield,
117 Canterbury and Sterling.

118 The district of Pomfret, consisting of the town of Pomfret.

119 The district of Putnam, consisting of the town of Putnam.

120 The district of Thompson, consisting of the town of Thompson.

121 The district of Woodstock, consisting of the town of Woodstock.

122 (f) Litchfield County

123 The district of Litchfield, consisting of the towns of Litchfield,
124 Morris and Warren.

125 The district of Harwinton, consisting of the town of Harwinton.

- 126 The district of Kent, consisting of the town of Kent.
- 127 The district of New Milford, consisting of the towns of New Milford
128 and Bridgewater.
- 129 The district of Norfolk, consisting of the town of Norfolk.
- 130 The district of the Northwest Corner, consisting of the towns of
131 Canaan, Cornwall, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.
- 132 The district of Plymouth, consisting of the town of Plymouth.
- 133 The district of Roxbury, consisting of the town of Roxbury.
- 134 The district of Thomaston, consisting of the town of Thomaston.
- 135 The district of Torrington, consisting of the towns of Torrington and
136 Goshen.
- 137 The district of Washington, consisting of the town of Washington.
- 138 The district of Winchester, consisting of the towns of Winchester
139 and Colebrook.
- 140 The district of Woodbury, consisting of the towns of Woodbury,
141 Bethlehem and Watertown.
- 142 (g) Middlesex County
- 143 The district of Middletown, consisting of the towns of Middletown,
144 Cromwell, Durham and Middlefield.
- 145 The district of Clinton, consisting of the town of Clinton.
- 146 The district of Deep River, consisting of the town of Deep River.
- 147 The district of East Haddam, consisting of the town of East
148 Haddam.
- 149 The district of East Hampton, consisting of the town of East
150 Hampton.

- 151 The district of Essex, consisting of the town of Essex.
- 152 The district of Haddam, consisting of the town of Haddam.
- 153 The district of Killingworth, consisting of the town of Killingworth.
- 154 The district of Old Saybrook, consisting of the town of Old
155 Saybrook.
- 156 The district of Portland, consisting of the town of Portland.
- 157 The district of Saybrook, consisting of the town of Chester.
- 158 The district of Westbrook, consisting of the town of Westbrook.
- 159 (h) Tolland County
- 160 The district of Tolland, consisting of the towns of Tolland and
161 Willington.
- 162 The district of Andover, consisting of the towns of Andover, Bolton
163 and Columbia.
- 164 The district of Ellington, consisting of the towns of Ellington and
165 Vernon.
- 166 The district of Hebron, consisting of the town of Hebron.
- 167 The district of Mansfield, consisting of the towns of Coventry and
168 Mansfield.
- 169 The district of Stafford, consisting of the towns of Stafford, Somers
170 and Union.
- 171 (i) Litchfield and Hartford Counties
- 172 The district of New Hartford, consisting of the towns of New
173 Hartford, Barkhamsted and Hartland.
- 174 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The towns of Suffield and East
175 Granby shall, on and after the first Wednesday following the first

176 Monday of January, 2007, constitute a probate district by the name of
 177 the probate district of Suffield-East Granby. In 2006, and quadrennially
 178 thereafter, a judge of probate for said district shall be elected at the
 179 time and in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of
 180 probate. From and after the first Wednesday following the first
 181 Monday of January, 2007, the probate court for the district of Suffield-
 182 East Granby shall have the jurisdiction of all probate business arising
 183 in the towns of Suffield and East Granby.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 3, 2007</i>	45a-2
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$
Probate Court	PCAF - Savings	20,000

Note: PCAF=Probate Court Administration Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill eliminates the East Granby probate court, and the Suffield probate court, and creates a new probate district combining the two courts together. The reorganization results in a savings by eliminating expenses of the East Granby probate court, which are approximately \$20,000 net.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 152

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SUFFIELD-EAST GRANBY PROBATE DISTRICT.**SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the probate district of East Granby, consisting of the town of East Granby, and the probate district of Suffield consisting of the town of Suffield. It establishes a new probate district of Suffield-East Granby, consisting of the towns of Suffield and East Granby.

The bill requires a judge to be elected for the newly created probate district in 2006 and every four years thereafter. Beginning January 3, 2007, the bill gives the probate court for the newly created district jurisdiction over all probate business arising in the two towns.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for the provision eliminating the districts and creating the new district, which takes effect January 3, 2007.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 34 Nay 0