



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5664**

LCO No. 2222

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR CERTAIN CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF MUNICIPALITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, whenever any chief elected official of  
3 a municipality leaves office due to a felony conviction, such office  
4 vacancy shall be filled by conducting a special election as follows:  
5 Except as otherwise provided by law, the Governor shall, not more  
6 than ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy, issue writs of  
7 election directed to the applicable town clerk or assistant town clerk  
8 ordering an election to be held on the sixtieth day after the issue of  
9 such writs on a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, to fill such  
10 vacancy, provided (1) if such a vacancy occurs between the one  
11 hundred twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a  
12 regular state or municipal election in November of any year, the  
13 Governor shall so issue such writs on the sixtieth day before the day of  
14 such regular election, ordering an election to be held on the day of  
15 such regular election, (2) if such a vacancy occurs after the sixty-third  
16 day before the day of a regular state election but before the regular

17 state election, the Governor shall not issue such writs and no election  
18 shall be held under this section, and (3) if a primary for such office  
19 occurs pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of section 9-450  
20 of the general statutes, the Governor shall, not later than ten days  
21 following the filing of a candidacy for nomination by a person other  
22 than the party-endorsed candidate, issue new writs of election, in place  
23 of those first issued pursuant to this section.

24 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to  
25 subsection (a) of this section to be conveyed to a state marshal, who  
26 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerk or  
27 assistant clerk. Such clerk or assistant clerk, on receiving such writs,  
28 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the  
29 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be  
30 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be  
31 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the  
32 same manner as at a state election.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide for a special election in the event that the chief elected official of a municipality vacates the office due to a felony conviction.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*