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Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROBATE  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 45a-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 5, 2011*):

3 [The probate districts of the state, for all purposes for which they  
4 were constituted, shall be] There shall be fifty-four probate districts in  
5 this state, for all purposes for which they are constituted, that shall  
6 comprise the towns that are set forth as follows:

7 [(a) Hartford County

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

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

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

- 12 The district of Bloomfield, consisting of the town of Bloomfield.
- 13 The district of Bristol, consisting of the town of Bristol.
- 14 The district of Burlington, consisting of the town of Burlington.
- 15 The district of Canton, consisting of the town of Canton.
- 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-East Granby, consisting of the towns of  
32 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, Kent,  
124 Morris and Warren.

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

126 The district of New Milford, consisting of the towns of New Milford  
127 and Bridgewater.

128 The district of the Northwest Corner, consisting of the towns of  
129 Canaan, Cornwall, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon.

130 The district of Plymouth, consisting of the town of Plymouth.

131 The district of Roxbury, consisting of the town of Roxbury.

132 The district of Thomaston, consisting of the town of Thomaston.

133 The district of Torrington, consisting of the towns of Torrington and  
134 Goshen.

135 The district of Washington, consisting of the town of Washington.

136 The district of Winchester, consisting of the towns of Winchester  
137 and Colebrook.

138 The district of Woodbury, consisting of the towns of Woodbury,  
139 Bethlehem and Watertown.

140 (g) Middlesex County

141 The district of Middletown, consisting of the towns of Middletown,  
142 Cromwell, Durham and Middlefield.

143 The district of Clinton, consisting of the town of Clinton.

144 The district of Deep River, consisting of the town of Deep River.

145 The district of East Haddam, consisting of the town of East  
146 Haddam.

147 The district of East Hampton, consisting of the town of East  
148 Hampton.

149 The district of Essex, consisting of the town of Essex.

150 The district of Haddam, consisting of the town of Haddam.

151 The district of Killingworth, consisting of the town of Killingworth.

152 The district of Old Saybrook, consisting of the town of Old  
153 Saybrook.

154 The district of Portland, consisting of the town of Portland.

155 The district of Saybrook, consisting of the town of Chester.

156 The district of Westbrook, consisting of the town of Westbrook.

157 (h) Tolland County

158 The district of Tolland, consisting of the towns of Tolland and  
159 Willington.

160 The district of Andover, consisting of the towns of Andover, Bolton  
161 and Columbia.

162 The district of Ellington, consisting of the towns of Ellington and  
163 Vernon.

164 The district of Hebron, consisting of the town of Hebron.

165 The district of Mansfield, consisting of the towns of Coventry and  
166 Mansfield.

167 The district of Stafford, consisting of the towns of Stafford, Somers  
168 and Union.

169 (i) Litchfield and Hartford Counties

170 The district of New Hartford, consisting of the towns of New  
171 Hartford, Barkhamsted and Hartland.]

172 (1) The town of Hartford.

173 (2) The town of West Hartford.

174     (3) The towns of Bloomfield, East Granby, Suffield and Windsor  
175     Locks.

176     (4) The towns of East Windsor, South Windsor and Windsor.

177     (5) The town of East Hartford.

178     (6) The towns of Glastonbury and Hebron.

179     (7) The towns of Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.

180     (8) The towns of Berlin and New Britain.

181     (9) The towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury.

182     (10) The towns of Burlington and Farmington.

183     (11) The towns of Enfield, Somers and Stafford.

184     (12) The towns of Ellington and Vernon.

185     (13) The towns of Andover, Bolton, Columbia and Manchester.

186     (14) The towns of East Haddam, East Hampton, Marlborough and  
187     Portland.

188     (15) The towns of Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield and Middletown.

189     (16) The town of Meriden.

190     (17) The town of Wallingford.

191     (18) The towns of Cheshire and Southington.

192     (19) The towns of Bristol, Plainville and Plymouth.

193     (20) The towns of Waterbury and Wolcott.

194     (21) The towns of Beacon Falls, Middlebury, Naugatuck and  
195     Prospect.

196     (22) The towns of Bethlehem, Oxford, Roxbury, Southbury,  
197     Washington, Watertown and Woodbury.

198     (23) The towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Goshen, Hartland, New  
199     Hartford, Torrington and Winchester.

200     (24) The towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield,  
201     Morris, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Thomaston and  
202     Warren.

203     (25) The towns of Coventry, Mansfield, Tolland and Willington.

204     (26) The towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam,  
205     Thompson, Union and Woodstock.

206     (27) The towns of Canterbury, Killingly, Plainfield and Sterling.

207     (28) The towns of Chaplin, Colchester, Hampton, Lebanon, Scotland  
208     and Windham.

209     (29) The towns of Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lisbon, Norwich,  
210     Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.

211     (30) The towns of Groton, Ledyard, North Stonington and  
212     Stonington.

213     (31) The towns of New London and Waterford.

214     (32) The towns of East Lyme, Montville, Old Lyme and Salem.

215     (33) The towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam,  
216     Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

217     (34) The towns of Guilford and Madison.

218     (35) The towns of Branford and North Branford.

219     (36) The towns of East Haven and North Haven.

- 220     (37) The towns of Bethany and Hamden.
- 221     (38) The town of New Haven.
- 222     (39) The town of West Haven.
- 223     (40) The towns of Milford and Orange.
- 224     (41) The towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Woodbridge.
- 225     (42) The town of Shelton.
- 226     (43) The town of Danbury.
- 227     (44) The towns of Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New  
228 Milford and Sherman.
- 229     (45) The towns of Bethel, Newtown, Ridgefield and Redding.
- 230     (46) The towns of Easton, Monroe and Trumbull.
- 231     (47) The town of Stratford.
- 232     (48) The town of Bridgeport.
- 233     (49) The town of Fairfield.
- 234     (50) The towns of Weston and Westport.
- 235     (51) The towns of Norwalk and Wilton.
- 236     (52) The towns of Darien and New Canaan.
- 237     (53) The town of Stamford.
- 238     (54) The town of Greenwich.
- 239     Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than March 31, 2010,  
240 the Probate Court Administrator shall designate a name for each  
241 probate district established in section 45a-2 of the general statutes, as

242 amended by this act. Prior to designating such names, the Probate  
243 Court Administrator may consult with affected probate judges and  
244 chief elected officials, and with members of the General Assembly with  
245 respect to the districts they represent. Not later than December 31,  
246 2010, the Probate Court Administrator shall publish the district names  
247 in the Probate Court's Directory of Judges and Districts. On and after  
248 the date that such district names are published, the probate districts  
249 shall be referred to by such names.

250 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 45a-186 of the general statutes, as  
251 amended by section 14 of public act 09-114, is repealed and the  
252 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 5, 2011*):

253 (a) Any person aggrieved by any order, denial or decree of a court  
254 of probate in any matter, unless otherwise specially provided by law,  
255 may, not later than forty-five days after the mailing of an order, denial  
256 or decree for a matter heard under any provision of section 45a-593,  
257 45a-594, 45a-595 or 45a-597, sections 45a-644 to 45a-677, inclusive, or  
258 sections 45a-690 to 45a-705, inclusive, and not later than thirty days  
259 after mailing of an order, denial or decree for any other matter in a  
260 court of probate, appeal therefrom to the Superior Court. Such an  
261 appeal shall be commenced by filing a complaint in the superior court  
262 in the judicial district in which such court of probate is located, or, if  
263 the court of probate is located in a probate district that is in more than  
264 one judicial district, by filing a complaint in a superior court that is  
265 located in a judicial district in which any portion of the probate district  
266 is located, except that (1) an appeal under subsection (b) of section 12-  
267 359, subsection (b) of section 12-367 or subsection (b) of section 12-395  
268 shall be filed in the judicial district of Hartford, and (2) an appeal in a  
269 matter concerning removal of a parent as guardian, termination of  
270 parental rights or adoption shall be filed in [the] any superior court for  
271 juvenile matters having jurisdiction over matters arising in any town  
272 within such probate district. The complaint shall state the reasons for  
273 the appeal. A copy of the order, denial or decree appealed from shall  
274 be attached to the complaint. Appeals from any decision rendered in

275 any case after a recording is made of the proceedings under section  
276 17a-498, 17a-685, 45a-650, 51-72 or 51-73 shall be on the record and  
277 shall not be a trial de novo.

278 Sec. 4. Sections 45a-3 to 45a-6k, inclusive, of the general statutes are  
279 repealed. (*Effective January 5, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 5, 2011</i>	45a-2
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 5, 2011</i>	45a-186(a)
Sec. 4	<i>January 5, 2011</i>	Repealer section