



House Bill No. 7001

September Special Session, Public Act No. 09-1

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

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

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 Section 45a-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 5, 2011*):

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

[(a) Hartford County

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

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

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

The district of Bloomfield, consisting of the town of Bloomfield.

The district of Bristol, consisting of the town of Bristol.

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The district of Burlington, consisting of the town of Burlington.

The district of Canton, consisting of the town of Canton.

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

The district of East Windsor, consisting of the towns of East Windsor and South Windsor.

The district of Enfield, consisting of the town of Enfield.

The district of Farmington, consisting of the town of Farmington.

The district of Glastonbury, consisting of the town of Glastonbury.

The district of Granby, consisting of the town of Granby.

The district of Manchester, consisting of the town of Manchester.

The district of Marlborough, consisting of the town of Marlborough.

The district of Newington, consisting of the towns of Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.

The district of Plainville, consisting of the town of Plainville.

The district of Simsbury, consisting of the town of Simsbury.

The district of Southington, consisting of the town of Southington.

The district of Suffield-East Granby, consisting of the towns of Suffield and East Granby.

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

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

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

(b) New Haven County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The district of Orange, consisting of the town of Orange.

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The district of Oxford, consisting of the town of Oxford.

The district of Southbury, consisting of the town of Southbury.

The district of Wallingford, consisting of the town of Wallingford.

The district of Waterbury, consisting of the towns of Waterbury, Middlebury and Wolcott.

The district of West Haven, consisting of the town of West Haven.

The district of Woodbridge, consisting of the town of Woodbridge.

(c) New London County

The district of New London, consisting of the towns of New London and Waterford.

The district of Norwich, consisting of the towns of Norwich, Franklin, Lisbon, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.

The district of Bozrah, consisting of the town of Bozrah.

The district of Colchester, consisting of the towns of Colchester and Lebanon.

The district of East Lyme, consisting of the town of East Lyme.

The district of Griswold, consisting of the town of Griswold.

The district of Groton, consisting of the town of Groton.

The district of Ledyard, consisting of the town of Ledyard.

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

The district of Montville, consisting of the town of Montville.

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

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

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

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

(d) Fairfield County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Windham County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(f) Litchfield County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) Middlesex County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) Tolland County

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

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

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

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

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

The district of Stafford, consisting of the towns of Stafford, Somers

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and Union.

(i) Litchfield and Hartford Counties

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

(1) The town of Hartford.

(2) The town of West Hartford.

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

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

(5) The town of East Hartford.

(6) The towns of Glastonbury and Hebron.

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

(8) The towns of Berlin and New Britain.

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

(10) The towns of Burlington and Farmington.

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

(12) The towns of Ellington and Vernon.

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

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

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

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(16) The town of Meriden.

(17) The town of Wallingford.

(18) The towns of Cheshire and Southington.

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

(20) The towns of Waterbury and Wolcott.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Stonington.

(31) The towns of New London and Waterford.

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

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

(34) The towns of Guilford and Madison.

(35) The towns of Branford and North Branford.

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

(37) The towns of Bethany and Hamden.

(38) The town of New Haven.

(39) The town of West Haven.

(40) The towns of Milford and Orange.

(41) The towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Woodbridge.

(42) The town of Shelton.

(43) The town of Danbury.

(44) The towns of Bridgewater, Brookfield, New Fairfield, New Milford and Sherman.

(45) The towns of Bethel, Newtown, Ridgefield and Redding.

(46) The towns of Easton, Monroe and Trumbull.

(47) The town of Stratford.

(48) The town of Bridgeport.

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(49) The town of Fairfield.

(50) The towns of Weston and Westport.

(51) The towns of Norwalk and Wilton.

(52) The towns of Darien and New Canaan.

(53) The town of Stamford.

(54) The town of Greenwich.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than March 31, 2010, the Probate Court Administrator shall designate a name for each probate district established in section 45a-2 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Prior to designating such names, the Probate Court Administrator may consult with affected probate judges and chief elected officials, and with members of the General Assembly with respect to the districts they represent. Not later than December 31, 2010, the Probate Court Administrator shall publish the district names in the Probate Court's Directory of Judges and Districts. On and after the date that such district names are published, the probate districts shall be referred to by such names.

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

(a) Any person aggrieved by any order, denial or decree of a court of probate in any matter, unless otherwise specially provided by law, may, not later than forty-five days after the mailing of an order, denial or decree for a matter heard under any provision of section 45a-593, 45a-594, 45a-595 or 45a-597, sections 45a-644 to 45a-677, inclusive, or sections 45a-690 to 45a-705, inclusive, and not later than thirty days after mailing of an order, denial or decree for any other matter in a

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court of probate, appeal therefrom to the Superior Court. Such an appeal shall be commenced by filing a complaint in the superior court in the judicial district in which such court of probate is located, or, if the court of probate is located in a probate district that is in more than one judicial district, by filing a complaint in a superior court that is located in a judicial district in which any portion of the probate district is located, except that (1) an appeal under subsection (b) of section 12-359, subsection (b) of section 12-367 or subsection (b) of section 12-395 shall be filed in the judicial district of Hartford, and (2) an appeal in a matter concerning removal of a parent as guardian, termination of parental rights or adoption shall be filed in [the] any superior court for juvenile matters having jurisdiction over matters arising in any town within such probate district. The complaint shall state the reasons for the appeal. A copy of the order, denial or decree appealed from shall be attached to the complaint. Appeals from any decision rendered in any case after a recording is made of the proceedings under section 17a-498, 17a-685, 45a-650, 51-72 or 51-73 shall be on the record and shall not be a trial de novo.

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

Approved September 25, 2009