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Written Testimony  
Monday, March 23, 2009  
Government Administration and Elections Committee

### Raised House Bill 6692 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT TOWN CLERKS.

Our Association sincerely appreciates this committee raising **House Bill 6692** for consideration. This legislation addresses several important technical changes regarding election laws to conform to current practices. We respectfully request that Section 2 of this proposed legislation be amended to reflect our true intent which is to amend sec 9-17a. Unfortunately, we were not clear enough in our initial request. We wished to be removed from the definition of an admitting official as defined in section 9-17a for all present and future purposes with the exception of section 9-15a as it deals with the board of admission of electors. This aligns with current practices.

We suggest this alternate language as an amendment to Sec. 9-17a:

**Sec. 9-17a. "Admitting official" defined.** As used in sections 9-17, 9-19b, 9-19c(a), 9-20, 9-23a, 9-24, 9-31a, 9-31b and 9-31d, unless otherwise provided, the term "admitting official" means a [town clerk, assistant town clerk,] registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters, assistant registrar of voters, special assistant registrar of voters or the board for admission of electors. A town clerk or assistant town clerk shall be considered an "admitting official" for the purpose of board of admission of electors only as stated in section 9-15a.

We would be happy to work with your staff on proper wording for this section and if you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them.

Respectfully submitted,

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: General Administration and Elections Committee Attorneys

DATE: March 23, 2009

RE: **Raised House Bill 6692- An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations of the Connecticut Town Clerks.**

As a point of clarification, we are requesting an amendment to section 9-17a- Admitting Official Defined. Our initial request for amendment to this legislation was very unclear leading to a change to sec 9-15a, which was not our intent.

Below is our suggested alternate language to support our intentions.

If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them.

Thank you,

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