GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Testimony in support of Raised Bill No. 939, AAC Elections Related Statutes

Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and members of the committee:

Good morning. My name is Anthony Esposito. I am a registrar of voters in Hamden, and presently serve as President of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut. I appear before today to urge you to seriously consider the legislative proposal our organization has been working on for more than three years. In this package are issues of concern to all registrars in the state, and apply to all elections and primaries held.

Connecticut has been served well by its election statutes in that there is one set of laws and one set of standards for the entire state. In an attempt to bring more consistency and regularity to the office of registrar and to reduce any political partisanship therein, we are proposing to require 4 year terms for all registrars concurrent with the Presidential Election. (Lines 747-761 Sec 9-190a). In addition, we are requesting the termination of the duplication of the 2 pairs of registrars in North Branford. (Lines 722-746 Sec 9-190).

We ask that you move on these items to ensure that our elections are the most efficient and economical we can have. The revisions and amendments contained herein will streamline the operations in the polls and allow registrars offices to operate more efficiently and effectively.(Line 293-326 Sec 9-42).

We need the statutes to accurately reflect the modernization of the technology available.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill which our organization supports. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.