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## 2011 Legislative Committee

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Testimony of  
Jeff Barske, Town Clerk of Thompson & Member of CTCA's Legislative Committee  
Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Monday February 14, 2011

Good morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin and the distinguished members of the GAE Committee. My name is Jeff Barske and I am a member of the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Town Clerk's Association and the Town Clerk of Thompson.

I am here today to support certain technical changes in **House Bill 6332** – An Act Concerning Primaries, Petition and Ballot Preparation Laws. Specifically, Sections 6, 12, 13 and 15 allowing municipal candidates to authorize how their name will appear on the ballot by signing a consent form. Presently, the Clerk must verify a municipal candidate's name to the voter registry list and print the name in this exact way on the ballot. This change will conform to current statutes for candidates running for statewide office.

We support Section 17 regarding the Delivery of Explanatory Text Posters. The technical change in this bill from "Town Clerk" to "Registrar of Voters" is the procedure that is being followed at this time.

Also, we support Section 3 of **House Bill 6333** – An Act Concerning Provisional Ballots for State and Municipal Elections, which will change from "Town Clerk" to "Registrar of Voters" the Provisional Ballot material provided to the moderator. This change also conforms to current practice.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these technical changes to the Election statutes. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey C. Barske, Thompson Town Clerk  
Member CTCA Legislative Committee