



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5026

LCO No. 368

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S
AUTHORITY FOLLOWING A DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY OR
MAJOR DISASTER.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Whenever the Governor
2 has declared a civil preparedness emergency under section 28-9 or 28-
3 9a of the general statutes or the President has declared an emergency
4 or a major disaster to exist in the state, the Secretary of the State shall,
5 upon the request of a municipality holding an election following such
6 declaration, have legal standing to seek court intervention on behalf of
7 such municipality. Such intervention shall include, but not be limited
8 to, the postponement, relocation or any other action required for the
9 orderly execution of an election. For purposes of this section,
10 "emergency" and "major disaster" have the same meaning as in section
11 28-1 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit the Secretary of the State to seek court intervention at the request of a municipality holding an election following the declaration of an emergency or major disaster in the state by the President or Governor.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]