



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 218

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AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [In] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, in each municipality or voting district, the polling place or
5 places for [primaries] a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450,
6 inclusive, shall be the same as those used for the election to be held.
7 When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote
8 in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their
9 primaries in the same room of each such polling place.

10 (b) The registrars of voters of a municipality may reduce the
11 number of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section
12 and shall designate such polling place or places not later than sixty
13 days prior to a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive,
14 the location of which may be the same or different than of those
15 polling places required under subsection (a) of this section. Not earlier
16 than sixty days prior to such primary, but not later than forty-five days
17 prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the Secretary
18 of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an office in such
19 primary of the change in the polling place or places. If such a
20 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the

21 candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not later than
 22 four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary. Such
 23 notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written letter,
 24 signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the
 25 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters
 26 of such objection, which notification shall not identify the candidate
 27 who objected. If a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon
 28 a polling place or places for a primary, or if such a candidate objects,
 29 the polling place or places shall be the same as those used for the
 30 election to be held. Not later than twenty-one days prior to a primary,
 31 the registrars of voters shall send notification of the polling place for
 32 the primary, by mail, to each elector whose polling place for the
 33 primary will be different than the elector's polling place for the
 34 election. When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431
 35 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold
 36 their primaries in the same room of each such polling place.
 37 Notwithstanding any provision of title 7 or 9, any special act, charter
 38 or ordinance, if the number of polling places are reduced pursuant to
 39 the provisions of this subsection, the number of moderators required
 40 for such primary may be reduced, if the registrars of voters so agree,
 41 provided at least one certified moderator serves each polling place.

42 (c) On the day of the primary, the polls shall remain open for voting
 43 from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	9-438

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