



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMM.

Public Hearing March 11, 2013

Testimony in SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. HR 6428

AA Enabling Towns to Check Voters In Electronically.

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee, My name is George Cody, Registrar of voters in New Canaan and co-chair of the ROVAC Legislative Committee. ROVAC, or The Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut supports and endorses this forward looking bill.

The bill would allow Registrars the option of using electronic poll books as an optional alternative to the traditional manual process to cross off voters at the polls. 9-258a currently limits polling place checkers to manually crossing off of names as has been done in the past. The use of electronic poll books is one of many voter check-in methods used in other states, and this bill would allow this technology to be used to speed the voting process and to improve accuracy.

This simple change in the statute 9-258a, is necessary to perfect and investigate this one aspect of modernization of our election procedures without mandating its' use across the state.

Thank you for your time, and I would be happy to answer any Questions you may have.

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