



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5289

LCO No. 5368



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-164 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in a municipal office or upon
5 the creation of a new office to be filled prior to the next regular
6 election, a special municipal election may be convened either by the
7 board of selectmen of the municipality or upon application of twenty
8 electors of the municipality filed with the municipal clerk. The date of
9 such election shall be determined by the board of selectmen of the
10 municipality, and notice of such date shall be filed with the municipal
11 clerk. In determining the date of such election, the board of selectmen
12 shall allow the time specified for holding primaries for municipal
13 office in section 9-423 and the time specified for the selection of party-
14 endorsed candidates for municipal office in section 9-391. On
15 application of twenty electors of the municipality, the date of such

16 election, as determined by the board of selectmen, shall be not later
 17 than the one hundred fiftieth day following the filing of such
 18 application, provided, if such date of such election is not more than
 19 thirty days before a regular election is to be held in such municipality,
 20 the Secretary of the State may combine such special municipal election
 21 with the regular election. Except as otherwise provided by general
 22 statute, the provisions of the general statutes pertaining to elections
 23 and primaries shall apply to special municipal elections. No such
 24 election may be held unless the municipal clerk first files notice of the
 25 office or offices to be filled at such election with the town chairman of
 26 the town committee of each major and minor party within the
 27 municipality and with the Secretary of the State at least three weeks in
 28 advance of the final time specified for the selection of party-endorsed
 29 candidates for municipal office in section 9-391. The municipal clerk
 30 shall forthwith warn such election in the same manner as the warning
 31 of municipal elections pursuant to section 9-226.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-164(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit municipalities to save money by combining certain special municipal elections with regular elections.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. SHABAN, 135th Dist.

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