



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 778

January Session, 2013



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 Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 as or different from the location
15 of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section. Not
16 earlier than sixty days prior to such primary, but not later than forty-
17 five days prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the
18 Secretary of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an
19 office in such primary of the change in the polling place or places. If a
20 candidate petitions for nomination to an office after the registrars of

21 voters have notified candidates of such change, the registrars shall
22 immediately notify the petitioning candidate of such change. If any
23 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the
24 candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not later than
25 four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary. Such
26 notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written letter,
27 signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the
28 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters
29 and any candidate seeking nomination to an office in such primary
30 that the Secretary has received a letter of objection, which notification
31 shall not identify the candidate who objected. If such a candidate so
32 objects, or if a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a
33 polling place or places for a primary, the polling place or places shall
34 be the same as those used for the election to be held. Not later than
35 twenty-five days prior to a primary, the registrars of voters shall send
36 notification of the polling place for the primary, by mail, to each elector
37 whose polling place for the primary will be different than the elector's
38 polling place for the election, except that no registrar of voters shall be
39 required to so notify an elector for any subsequent primary, provided
40 the primary polling place for such elector remains the same as that
41 which was provided for in the initial notification. If any polling place
42 that would otherwise be open pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
43 is closed pursuant to this subsection, the registrars of voters shall
44 ensure that a sign is posted at such polling place providing electors
45 with information to redirect the electors to the open polling place or
46 places for the primary. When unaffiliated electors are authorized
47 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, both
48 parties shall hold their primaries in the same room of each such polling
49 place. Notwithstanding any provision of title 7 or this title, any special
50 act, charter or ordinance, if the number of polling places is reduced
51 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the number of
52 moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if the registrars
53 of voters so agree, provided at least one certified moderator serves
54 each polling place.

55 (c) On the day of the primary, the polls shall remain open for voting
56 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	<i>from passage</i>	9-438

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