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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES
TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY
NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) Notwithstanding any
4 provision of title 9 of the general statutes, the Secretary of the State,
5 upon receipt of a written request from a certified candidate in any
6 election or primary that is received by the Secretary of the State not
7 later than thirty days prior to such primary or election, and after
8 consultation with the registrars of voters, shall appoint election or
9 primary day polling place observers as requested who shall be electors
10 of the state, including, without limitation, an observer who
11 accompanies and observes the election or primary moderator. Such
12 polling place observers shall record the names and other identifying
13 information of individuals involved in any irregularities or violations
14 and report this information to the Secretary of the State or the
15 Secretary's designee who shall forward all such information to the

16 State Elections Enforcement Commission and all candidates whose
17 names appear on the ballot. During any such primary or election,
18 observers shall immediately report any irregularities or violations of
19 law and the names and other identifying information of any electors
20 who are not allowed to vote to the Secretary of the State, or the
21 Secretary's designee, who shall inform the relevant registrar of voters
22 and the moderator and require immediate and appropriate corrective
23 action.

24 (b) The Secretary of the State shall establish suitable duties,
25 responsibilities and a curriculum, training program and certification
26 process for such polling place observers. Such training program and
27 certification process shall include, without limitation, procedures for
28 counting and recording absentee ballots, the use of voting machines,
29 voting when a name does not appear on a voting list and the duties of
30 a moderator in the conduct of a primary and election. Once certified,
31 the Secretary shall assign each polling place observer to a specific
32 polling place or polling places. Once assigned, the polling place
33 observer shall have the ability to enter and leave the assigned polling
34 places at any time during election or primary day. If at any such time
35 an observer becomes disruptive to the orderly process of voting, the
36 moderator shall have the ability to remove such observers from the
37 polling place. No candidate or member of the immediate family of a
38 candidate shall be appointed as a polling place observer for a polling
39 place on which such candidate may appear on the ballot.

40 (c) Any observer who wilfully, knowingly or recklessly interferes
41 with the orderly process of voting shall be subject to the provisions of
42 section 9-366 of the general statutes.

43 (d) The Secretary may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54 of
44 the general statutes, to administer the program established pursuant to
45 this section.

46 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes,
47 the registrars of voters of each municipality may appoint additional

48 election officials on the day of, or on any day after, an election or
49 primary, if, in the opinion of both registrars of voters, additional
50 election officials are needed because (1) an election official appointed
51 prior to the day of the election or primary is unable to serve as an
52 election official for any reason, (2) it is necessary to accommodate the
53 public convenience of the electors in any voting district, or (3) it is
54 necessary to improve the administration of the election or primary.
55 The registrars of voters shall file a written opinion with the municipal
56 clerk indicating the reasons for the appointment of any such additional
57 election officials."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section