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"AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS FOR STATE AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
4 of section 9-438 of the general statutes, there is established a pilot
5 program to permit the registrars of voters for the municipalities of
6 Avon, Bethel, New Canaan, Redding, Ridgefield, Simsbury, Weston,
7 Westport and Wilton to reduce the number of polling places required
8 under section 9-438 of the general statutes. The registrars of voters
9 shall designate such polling place or places not later than sixty days
10 prior to a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, of the
11 general statutes, the location of which may be the same as or different
12 from the location of polling places required under section 9-438 of the
13 general statutes. Not earlier than sixty days prior to such primary, but
14 not later than forty-five days prior to such primary, the registrars of
15 voters shall notify the Secretary of the State and the candidates seeking

16 nomination to an office in such primary of the change in the polling
17 place or places. If a candidate petitions for nomination to an office after
18 the registrars of voters have notified candidates of such change, the
19 registrars shall immediately notify the petitioning candidate of such
20 change. If any candidate objects to a change in the polling place or
21 places, the candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not
22 later than four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary.
23 Such notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written
24 letter, signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the
25 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters
26 and any candidate seeking nomination to an office in such primary
27 that the Secretary has received a letter of objection, which notification
28 shall not identify the candidate who objected. If such a candidate so
29 objects, or if a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a
30 polling place or places for a primary, the polling place or places shall
31 be the same as those used for the election to be held. Not later than
32 twenty-five days prior to a primary, the registrars of voters shall send
33 notification of the polling place for the primary, by mail, to each elector
34 whose polling place for the primary will be different than the elector's
35 polling place for the election, except that no registrar of voters shall be
36 required to so notify an elector for any subsequent primary, provided
37 the primary polling place for such elector remains the same as that
38 which was provided for in the initial notification. If any polling place
39 that would otherwise be open pursuant to section 9-438 of the general
40 statutes is closed pursuant to this subsection, the registrars of voters
41 shall ensure that a sign is posted at such polling place providing
42 electors with information to redirect the electors to the open polling
43 place or places for the primary. When unaffiliated electors are
44 authorized under section 9-431 of the general statutes to vote in the
45 primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their primaries
46 in the same room of each such polling place. Notwithstanding any
47 provision of title 7 or title 9 of the general statutes, any special act,
48 charter or ordinance, if the number of polling places is reduced
49 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the number of

50 moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if the registrars
 51 of voters so agree, provided at least one certified moderator serves
 52 each polling place.

53 (b) The pilot program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 54 section shall terminate July 1, 2016. Not later than January 1, 2017, if
 55 any municipality listed in subsection (a) of this section participated in
 56 said pilot program, the registrars of voters for such municipality shall
 57 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 58 cognizance of matters relating to elections on any issues encountered
 59 in carrying out the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
 60 resolution of such issues and the estimated amount of money saved by
 61 the municipality through a reduction of polling places pursuant to
 62 subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section