



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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Testimony on Raised Bill SB 1042

An Act Concerning Municipal Options for Elections

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and here to speak in support of SB 1042. For several years ROVAC has been advocating for an electronic audit instead of the manual version we are currently doing by statute. The electronic version will take the human error out of the audit and should not be as costly to the municipalities as a manual version. We would hope that the Secretary of the State along with the University of Connecticut would look at other vendors that also do audits in other states in order to best benefit the municipalities we serve.

Candidates should be able to use the name they feel would give them the best recognition. There are many candidates that complain the use of their formal name hurts their campaign because most voters know them by a nickname or shortened version (eg. John vs Jack).

Four year terms for municipal officials is not an issue ROVAC has an opinion on. Each legislative body should decide what is in their best interest and the Registrars of Voters will insure the election is run fairly and accurately..

We urge you to support this bill.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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