

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 1051**

LCO No. 5967

**AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S ELECTIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-4b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Secretary of the State shall establish an elections training unit to  
4 coordinate all training for registrars of voters, deputy registrars of  
5 voters [, permanent assistant registrars of voters as described in section  
6 9-192] and poll workers. Such unit shall employ at least one person  
7 having field experience in the conduct of elections.

8 Sec. 2. Section 9-192a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

10 (a) (1) The Secretary of the State shall, in consultation with the  
11 advisory committee created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,  
12 establish a program and criteria for the certification of registrars of  
13 voters and deputy registrars of voters. All registrars and deputy  
14 registrars holding office on July 1, 2015, shall complete such program  
15 and satisfy such criteria for certification after July 1, 2017. Any registrar  
16 or deputy registrar elected or appointed, as the case may be, after July  
17 1, 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for  
18 certification not later than (A) in the case of a two-year term, the

19 conclusion of such term, and (B) in the case of a four-year term, two  
20 years from the date of first holding such office.

21 (2) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, all  
22 registrars and deputy registrars shall participate each year in not less  
23 than eight hours of training, not including any training described  
24 under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, in order to  
25 maintain such certification. Such training shall be as prescribed by the  
26 Secretary of the State and shall be conducted by said Secretary or a  
27 third party approved by said Secretary to conduct such training. Any  
28 registrar or deputy registrar who fails to satisfy such annual training  
29 requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of the State to take  
30 remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

31 [(a)] (b) There is created [a] an advisory committee for the purpose  
32 of establishing programs and procedures for training, examining and  
33 certifying registrars of voters, deputy registrars of voters and  
34 [permanent assistants] assistant registrars of voters, as described in  
35 section 9-192. The committee shall consist of six members, one of  
36 whom shall be from the office of the Secretary of the State, one of  
37 whom shall be from the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and  
38 four of whom shall be registrars of voters. The Secretary of the State  
39 shall appoint the registrars of voters, in consultation with the  
40 Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut, or its successor  
41 organization. The committee members shall serve without pay. The  
42 Secretary of the State shall determine the length of the terms of the  
43 initial members, in accordance with the following: Two of such  
44 members shall serve for a one-year term; two of such members shall  
45 serve for a two-year term; and two of such members shall serve for a  
46 four-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve for four-year terms.  
47 The committee shall select a chairperson, who shall be one of the  
48 registrars who is a member of the committee.

49 [(b)] (c) The [committee] Secretary of the State, in consultation with  
50 the advisory committee, shall adopt criteria for the training,  
51 examination and certification requirements of registrars, deputies and

52 permanent assistants. In the adoption of such criteria, the committee  
53 (1) shall consider whether the prescribed training leading to  
54 certification may, in part, be satisfied through participation in the  
55 required two conferences a year called by the Secretary of the State,  
56 pursuant to section 9-6, for purposes of discussing the election laws,  
57 procedures or matters related to election laws and procedures, and (2)  
58 may recommend programs at one or more institutions of higher  
59 education that satisfy such criteria. Any registrar of voters, deputy or  
60 permanent assistant may participate in the course of training  
61 prescribed by the committee and, upon completing such training and  
62 successfully completing any examination or examinations prescribed  
63 by the committee, shall be recommended by the committee to the  
64 Secretary of the State as a candidate for certification as a certified  
65 Connecticut registrar of voters. The Secretary of the State shall certify  
66 any such qualified, recommended candidate as a certified Connecticut  
67 registrar of voters. The Secretary of the State may rescind any such  
68 certificate only upon a finding, by a majority of the committee, of  
69 sufficient cause as defined by the criteria adopted pursuant to this  
70 subsection. [No provision of this subsection shall require any registrar  
71 of voters, deputy or permanent assistant to be a certified registrar of  
72 voters.]

73 [(c)] (d) The advisory committee shall also (1) develop a training  
74 program in election procedures for poll workers, and (2) develop an  
75 election law and procedures training program and guide for registrars,  
76 deputy registrars and assistant registrars. The training program  
77 developed under subdivision (2) of this section shall provide for  
78 training to be conducted by trained registrars or former registrars  
79 hired for such purpose by the Secretary of the State. The committee  
80 shall submit such training programs and training guide to the  
81 Secretary of the State, who shall approve or modify the programs and  
82 guide.

83 Sec. 3. Section 9-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

85 The Secretary of the State, by virtue of the office, shall be the  
86 Commissioner of Elections of the state, with such powers and duties  
87 relating to the conduct of elections as are prescribed by law and, unless  
88 otherwise provided by state statute, the secretary's regulations,  
89 declaratory rulings, instructions and opinions, if in written form, shall  
90 be presumed as correctly interpreting and effectuating the  
91 administration of elections and primaries under this title, except for  
92 [chapter 155] chapters 155 to 158, inclusive, and shall be executed,  
93 carried out or implemented, as the case may be, provided nothing in  
94 this section shall be construed to alter the right of appeal provided  
95 under the provisions of chapter 54. Any such written instruction or  
96 opinion shall be labeled as an instruction or opinion issued pursuant to  
97 this section, as applicable, and any such instruction or opinion shall  
98 cite any authority that is discussed in such instruction or opinion.

99 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Whenever complaint in writing  
100 is made to the state's attorney for any judicial district that the registrar  
101 of voters of any town in such judicial district is guilty of misconduct,  
102 wilful and material neglect of duty or incompetence in the conduct of  
103 such registrar's office, such state's attorney shall make such  
104 investigation of the charges as such state's attorney deems proper and  
105 shall, if such state's attorney is of the opinion that the evidence  
106 obtained warrants such action, prepare a statement in writing of the  
107 charges against such registrar of voters, together with a citation in the  
108 name of the state, commanding such registrar of voters to appear  
109 before a judge of the Superior Court at a date named in the citation  
110 and show cause, if any, why such registrar of voters should not be  
111 removed from office as provided in this section. Such state's attorney  
112 shall cause a copy of such statement and citation to be served by some  
113 proper officer upon the defendant registrar of voters at least ten days  
114 before the date of appearance named in such citation, and the original  
115 statement and citation, with the return of the officer thereon, shall be  
116 returned to the clerk of the Superior Court for the judicial district  
117 within which such town is situated. To carry into effect the  
118 proceedings authorized by this section, the state's attorney of any  
119 judicial district shall have power to summon witnesses, require the

120 production of necessary books, papers and other documents and  
121 administer oaths to witnesses; and upon the date named in such  
122 citation for the appearance of such registrar of voters, or upon any  
123 adjourned date fixed by the judge before whom such proceedings are  
124 pending, the state's attorney shall appear and conduct the hearing on  
125 behalf of the state. If, after a full hearing of all the evidence offered by  
126 the state's attorney and by and on behalf of the defendant, such judge  
127 is of the opinion that the evidence presented warrants the removal of  
128 such registrar of voters from office, the judge shall cause to be  
129 prepared a written order to that effect, which order shall be signed by  
130 the judge and lodged with the clerk of the superior court for the  
131 judicial district in which such defendant resides. Such clerk of the  
132 Superior Court shall cause a certified copy of such order to be served  
133 forthwith upon such registrar of voters, and upon such service the  
134 office held by such registrar of voters shall become vacant and the  
135 vacancy thereby created shall be filled at once in the manner provided  
136 in section 9-220 of the general statutes. Any witnesses summoned and  
137 any officer making service under the provisions of this section shall be  
138 allowed and paid by the state the same fees as are allowed by law in  
139 criminal prosecutions.

140 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If a registrar of voters fails to  
141 attain or maintain, whichever is applicable, certification required  
142 under subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the general statutes, as  
143 amended by this act, or is the subject of an investigation of any matter  
144 related to the duties of such registrar's office resulting from a  
145 complaint instituted by the Secretary of the State, said Secretary may  
146 temporarily relieve such registrar of voters of his or her duties and  
147 require the deputy registrar of voters to administer the operations of  
148 such office until any such matter is resolved. Nothing in this section  
149 shall prohibit a municipality from paying the salary of such registrar of  
150 voters while resolution of any such matter is pending.

151 Sec. 6. Subsection (g) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is  
152 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
153 *passage*):

154 (g) ~~[In] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,~~  
155 ~~in the case of a written complaint filed with the commission pursuant~~  
156 ~~to section 9-7b on or after January 1, 1988, if the commission does not,~~  
157 ~~by the sixtieth day following receipt of the complaint, either issue a~~  
158 ~~decision or render its determination that probable cause or no probable~~  
159 ~~cause exists for one or more violations of state election laws, the~~  
160 ~~complainant or respondent may apply to the superior court for the~~  
161 ~~judicial district of Hartford for an order to show cause why the~~  
162 ~~commission has not acted upon the complaint and to provide evidence~~  
163 ~~that the commission has unreasonably delayed action. [Such~~  
164 ~~proceeding]~~

165 ~~(2) In the case of a statement filed by the Secretary of the State with~~  
166 ~~the commission pursuant to section 9-7b, on or after July 1, 2015, if the~~  
167 ~~commission does not, by the thirtieth day following such filing, make a~~  
168 ~~determination to investigate such statement and, by the ninetieth day~~  
169 ~~following such filing, complete any investigation of such statement,~~  
170 ~~the Secretary may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of~~  
171 ~~Hartford for an order to show cause why the commission has not acted~~  
172 ~~upon the statement and to provide evidence that the commission has~~  
173 ~~unreasonably delayed action.~~

174 ~~(3) Any judicial proceeding pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this~~  
175 ~~subsection shall be privileged with respect to assignment for trial. The~~  
176 ~~commission shall appear and give appropriate explanation in the~~  
177 ~~matter. The court may, in its discretion, order the commission to: [(1)]~~  
178 ~~(A) Continue to proceed pursuant to section 9-7b, [(2)] (B) act by a date~~  
179 ~~certain, or [(3)] (C) refer the complaint or statement to the Chief State's~~  
180 ~~Attorney. Nothing in this subsection shall require the commission, in~~  
181 ~~any proceeding brought pursuant to this subsection, to disclose~~  
182 ~~records or documents which are not required to be disclosed pursuant~~  
183 ~~to subsection (b) of section 1-210. Nothing in this subsection shall~~  
184 ~~preclude the commission from continuing its investigation or taking~~  
185 ~~any action permitted by section 9-7b, unless otherwise ordered by the~~  
186 ~~court. The commission or any other party may, within seven days after~~  
187 ~~a decision by the court under this subsection, file an appeal of the~~

188 decision with the Appellate Court.

189 Sec. 7. Section 9-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

191 As used in sections 9-17, 9-19b, as amended by this act, 9-19c(a), 9-  
192 20, 9-23a, 9-24, 9-31a, 9-31b and 9-31l, unless otherwise provided, the  
193 term "admitting official" means a town clerk, assistant town clerk,  
194 registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters [,] or assistant registrar of  
195 voters [, special assistant registrar of voters] or the board for admission  
196 of electors.

197 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-19b of the  
198 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
199 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

200 (b) Except during the period between the last session for the  
201 admission of electors prior to an election and the day following that  
202 election, either registrar of voters, or a deputy registrar [, assistant  
203 registrar or special assistant registrar] or assistant registrar appointed  
204 in accordance with the provisions of section 9-192 may examine the  
205 qualifications of any person applying to be admitted as an elector in  
206 the town and, except for applications submitted pursuant to  
207 subdivision (4) of this subsection, approve such application submitted  
208 in person (1) at the office of such official; (2) at any enrollment session  
209 of the registrars of voters; (3) at any public place; (4) at any time and at  
210 any place in the town, other than a public place; or (5) at any public  
211 office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Labor Department or  
212 Department of Social Services which is located in the town in which  
213 the registrar, deputy registrar [, assistant registrar or special assistant  
214 registrar] or assistant registrar serves, if written notice of the date and  
215 time is given seven days in advance thereof to the commissioner of  
216 such department. Upon receipt of a written notice under subdivision  
217 (5) of this subsection, the commissioner of the department may  
218 designate a portion of the public office which shall be used for the  
219 admission of electors. The other registrar, or any deputy [, assistant or  
220 special assistant registrar] or assistant registrar, shall be permitted to

221 be present during the admission of any person pursuant to  
222 subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection. Applications accepted and  
223 examined prior to the last session for admission of electors prior to an  
224 election pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection may be  
225 approved after such last session. The admission of any person  
226 pursuant to subdivision (4) shall be effective on the date when both  
227 registrars approve such application. The registrar who receives such  
228 application from the applicant shall give written notice to the other  
229 registrar within one business day after such receipt and the registrars  
230 shall forthwith act on such applications. No rejection of any  
231 application under subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be effective  
232 until the registrar has mailed to the other registrar and the applicant a  
233 notice stating [the reasons] any reason for the rejection. Any applicant  
234 whose application is rejected may appeal under the provisions of  
235 section 9-31l.

236 (c) Such registrar, deputy [, assistant or special assistant registrar] or  
237 assistant registrar accepting applications in accordance with  
238 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section shall provide the  
239 applicant with a receipt. Upon approval or disapproval of the  
240 application, the registrars shall send a notice thereof by first-class mail  
241 with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable  
242 at the address shown thereon. If such notice of approval is returned  
243 undeliverable, the registrars shall take the necessary action in  
244 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43.

245 (d) During the period between the last session for the admission of  
246 electors prior to an election and the opening of the limited session for  
247 the admission of electors held on the last weekday before such election  
248 under section 9-17, the town clerk or assistant town clerk during office  
249 hours and at the office of such official and either registrar of voters or a  
250 deputy or assistant registrar at the office of such official may examine  
251 the qualifications of any person applying in person to be admitted in  
252 such town and approve the application of such person whose  
253 qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in the municipality  
254 were attained after such last session and on or before the last weekday

255 prior to such election.

256 Sec. 9. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 9-19k of the general  
257 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
258 (*Effective from passage*):

259 (d) In order for an applicant's registration or change in registration  
260 to be approved, the applicant shall mark the box associated with the  
261 following statement included as part of the online application:

262 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following  
263 under penalty of perjury:

264 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is  
265 provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in the State of  
266 Connecticut.

267 (2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and  
268 correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

269 (3) I authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles or other  
270 Connecticut state agency to transmit to the Connecticut Secretary of  
271 the State or my town's registrars of voters my signature that is on file  
272 with such agency and understand that such signature will be used by  
273 the Secretary of the State or my town's registrars of voters on this  
274 online application for admission as an elector as if I had signed this  
275 form personally."

276 (e) Upon approval of such application, the registrars of voters shall  
277 send a notice of approval pursuant to section 9-19b, as amended by  
278 this act, to the applicant.

279 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this  
280 section after the fourteenth day before an election or after the fifth day  
281 before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the  
282 day after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event,  
283 the registrars of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone  
284 or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late

285 received application and any applicable deadline for applying for  
286 admission in person.

287 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the registrar of voters or  
288 any election official appointed by such registrar of voters to admit any  
289 applicant as an elector from utilizing the online voter registration  
290 system established pursuant to this section for the purpose of  
291 admitting such applicant on election day pursuant to section 9-19j.

292 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of section 9-23g of the  
293 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
294 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

295 (a) In addition to the procedures for admission of electors under  
296 sections 9-19b, as amended by this act, 9-19c, 9-19e, 9-20 and 9-31, any  
297 person may apply to a registrar of voters of the town of his residence  
298 for admission as an elector in accordance with the provisions of this  
299 section and section 9-23h.

300 (b) The Secretary of the State shall prescribe, and provide to  
301 registrars of voters, town clerks and voter registration agencies, as  
302 defined in section 9-23n, application forms and other materials  
303 necessary to complete such application and admission process. The  
304 Secretary of the State, registrars of voters and town clerks shall provide  
305 a reasonable number of such forms and materials to any elector who  
306 requests such forms and materials. The secretary shall also, in the  
307 course of the secretary's elections duties, prepare instructions and  
308 related materials describing procedures for such application and  
309 admission process and shall provide the materials to registrars of  
310 voters and town clerks. The application shall contain the information  
311 required under section 9-23h. All statements of the applicant shall be  
312 made under the penalties of perjury. The application for admission as  
313 an elector shall include a statement that (1) specifies each eligibility  
314 requirement, (2) contains an attestation that the application meets each  
315 such requirement, and (3) requires the signature of the applicant under  
316 penalty of perjury. Nothing in this section or section 9-23h shall  
317 require that the application be executed in the state. An applicant who

318 is unable to write may cause the applicant's name to be signed on the  
319 application form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space  
320 provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed  
321 by the word "by" and the agent's own signature. The completed  
322 application may be mailed or returned in person to the office of the  
323 registrars of voters or the office of the town clerk of the applicant's  
324 town of residence or a voter registration agency. If the applicant  
325 entrusts the applicant's application to another person or to such a voter  
326 registration agency for mailing or return to the registrars of voters,  
327 such person or agency shall immediately mail or return the  
328 application. Any such voter registration agency shall also provide the  
329 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record  
330 (A) the date that the agency received the application, using an official  
331 date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (B) the party  
332 affiliation, if any, of the applicant. The agency shall provide such  
333 receipt whether the application was submitted in person or by mail.  
334 The town clerk shall promptly forward any application which the  
335 town clerk receives to the registrars of voters. Such application form  
336 shall be provided by or authorized by the Secretary of the State.

337 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office  
338 of the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the  
339 application and review the application to determine whether the  
340 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.  
341 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate  
342 on the application whether the application has been accepted or  
343 rejected, (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the  
344 application the date on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a  
345 copy of such notice to the other registrar. If the registrar determines  
346 that the applicant has not properly completed the application or is not  
347 legally qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the  
348 application has been rejected and shall state [the] any reason for  
349 rejection. If the registrar determines that the applicant has properly  
350 completed the application and is legally qualified to register, the notice  
351 shall indicate that the application has been accepted. A notice of  
352 acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be sent (A) within four days of

353 receipt of an application during the period beginning on the forty-  
354 ninth day before an election and ending on the twenty-first day before  
355 such election, (B) on the day of receipt of an application if it is received  
356 (i) during the period beginning on the twentieth day before such  
357 election and ending on the ~~[fourteenth]~~ seventh day before such  
358 election, (ii) during the period beginning on the ~~[thirteenth]~~ sixth day  
359 before an election and ending on election day if the application has  
360 been received by the ~~[fourteenth]~~ seventh day before an election by the  
361 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, (iii)  
362 during the period beginning on the twenty-first day before a primary  
363 and ending on the fifth day before a primary, or (iv) during the period  
364 beginning on the fourth day before a primary and ending at twelve  
365 o'clock noon on the last weekday before a primary, if the application  
366 has been postmarked by the fifth day before the primary and is  
367 received in the office of the registrars of voters during such period or if  
368 the application is received by the fifth day before a primary by the  
369 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, and  
370 (C) within ten days of receipt of an application at any other time. A  
371 notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail with instructions  
372 on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address  
373 shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall indicate the  
374 effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment, the date of  
375 the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the  
376 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and  
377 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned  
378 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in  
379 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first  
380 deadline in section 9-35. An applicant for admission as an elector  
381 pursuant to this section and section 9-23h may only be admitted as an  
382 elector by [a] the registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not  
383 later than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State  
384 shall establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this  
385 subsection for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held  
386 in the following calendar year.

387 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the

388 privileges of an elector for any applicant for admission under this  
389 section and section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by  
390 the registrar, and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on  
391 the registry list.

392 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a  
393 mailed application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is  
394 received in the office of the registrars of voters, after the [fourteenth]  
395 seventh day before an election or after the fifth day before a primary,  
396 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such  
397 election or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars of  
398 voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in  
399 order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-  
400 in application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission  
401 in person.

402 (3) If an application is received after the [fourteenth] seventh day  
403 before an election or after the fifth day before a primary by the  
404 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, the  
405 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election  
406 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,  
407 whichever is later.

408 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
409 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present  
410 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received  
411 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously  
412 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of  
413 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an  
414 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of  
415 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new  
416 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice  
417 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and  
418 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be  
419 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to  
420 the checkers at the polling place a preprinted form of identification

421 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
422 section 9-261.

423 (e) A registration application filed under this section shall be  
424 rejected if the application (1) has not been signed or dated by the  
425 applicant or the authorized agent of the applicant pursuant to  
426 subsection (b) of this section, (2) does not indicate the applicant's date  
427 of birth or bona fide residence, (3) does not indicate United States  
428 citizenship, provided the registrars of voters have contacted such  
429 applicant to provide an opportunity to answer such question, or (4) is  
430 determined by the Secretary of the State to be substantially defective.  
431 No registration application filed under this section shall be rejected if  
432 the application fails to provide the applicant's Social Security number  
433 or the zip code of the applicant's bona fide residence.

434 (f) Upon admission of an applicant under subsection (d) of this  
435 section, who indicated on his registration application that he changed  
436 residence since voting last in Connecticut, the registrar of voters of the  
437 town of such applicant's current residence shall notify the registrar of  
438 any other town who accepted the voter's last registration [, and the  
439 registrar in the voter's place of last residence, if different] and the  
440 registrar of the town of the voter's last residence, if different.  
441 Notification shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
442 the State. A registrar receiving such a notification shall delete the  
443 elector's name from the registry list.

444 Sec. 11. Section 9-391 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
445 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

446 (a) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the  
447 nomination of candidates for municipal office to be voted upon at a  
448 municipal election, or for the election of town committee members  
449 shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier than the  
450 fifty-sixth day or later than the forty-ninth day preceding the day of  
451 such primary. In the case of an endorsement of a candidate for a  
452 municipal office of state senator or state representative, such  
453 endorsement may be made of a candidate whose name appears upon

454 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the  
455 municipality or political subdivision within which such candidate is to  
456 run for nomination. The endorsement shall be certified to the clerk of  
457 the municipality by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2)  
458 the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention, as the case  
459 may be, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the forty-eighth day  
460 preceding the day of such primary. Such certification shall be signed  
461 by such candidate and contain the name and street address of each  
462 person so endorsed, the title of the office or the position as committee  
463 member and the name or number of the political subdivision or  
464 district, if any, for which each such person is endorsed. Such  
465 certification shall be made on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the  
466 State or on such other form as may comply with the provisions of this  
467 subsection. If such a certificate of a party's endorsement is not received  
468 by the town clerk by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and  
469 such party, for purposes of sections 9-417, 9-418 and 9-419, shall be  
470 deemed to have neither made nor certified such endorsement of any  
471 candidate for such office.

472 (b) Each selection of delegates to a state or district convention shall  
473 be made in accordance with the provisions of section 9-390 not earlier  
474 than the one-hundred-fortieth day and not later than the one-hundred-  
475 thirty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such state or  
476 district office. Such selection shall be certified to the clerk of the  
477 municipality by the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of  
478 the town committee or caucus, as the case may be, not later than four  
479 o'clock p.m. on the one-hundred-thirty-second day preceding the day  
480 of such primary. Each such certification shall contain the name and  
481 street address of each person so selected, the position as delegate, and  
482 the name or number of the political subdivision or district, if any, for  
483 which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's  
484 selection is not received by the town clerk by such time, such certificate  
485 shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-  
486 420, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection  
487 of any person for the position of delegate.

488 (c) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the  
489 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a  
490 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not  
491 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day  
492 preceding the day of such primary. Any certification to be filed under  
493 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State [, in the  
494 case of a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative,  
495 or the town clerk, in the case of a candidate for any other municipal  
496 office to be voted upon at a state election,] not later than four o'clock  
497 p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town committee  
498 meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a certificate  
499 of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of the State  
500 [or the town clerk, as the case may be,] by such time, such certificate  
501 shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and  
502 9-418, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any  
503 endorsement of any candidate for such office. The candidate so  
504 endorsed for a municipal office to be voted upon at a state election,  
505 other than the office of justice of the peace, shall file with the Secretary  
506 of the State [or the town clerk, as the case may be,] a certificate, signed  
507 by that candidate, stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the  
508 candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot,  
509 the candidate's full street address and the title and district of the office  
510 for which the candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by  
511 a candidate whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment  
512 list of such party within the senatorial district within which the  
513 candidate is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the  
514 municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district within which  
515 a person is endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal  
516 office of state representative, or the municipality or political  
517 subdivision within which a person is to run for nomination for other  
518 municipal offices to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate  
519 shall be attested by the [chairman] chairperson or presiding officer  
520 [and] or the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention  
521 which made such endorsement. The endorsement of [candidates] any  
522 candidate for the office of justice of the peace shall be certified to the

523 clerk of the municipality by the [chairman] chairperson or presiding  
524 officer [and] or the secretary of the town committee, caucus or  
525 convention, and shall contain the name and street address of each  
526 person so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such  
527 person is endorsed. Such certification shall be made on a form  
528 prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on such other form as may  
529 comply with the provisions of this subsection.

530       Sec. 12. Section 9-395 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
531 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

532       (a) Forthwith upon the certification provided in section 9-391, as  
533 amended by this act, the clerk of the municipality shall publish, in a  
534 newspaper having a general circulation in such municipality, the fact  
535 of such certification and that a list of the persons endorsed as  
536 candidates is on file in his office and copies thereof are available for  
537 public distribution. If, with respect to any office or position to be filled,  
538 the clerk of the municipality has failed to receive the certification of the  
539 name of any person as a party-endorsed candidate within the time  
540 limited in section 9-391, as amended by this act, such fact shall be  
541 published by the clerk of the municipality. Together with such  
542 information, the clerk shall publish a notice that a primary will be held  
543 for the nomination by such political party of a candidate for the offices  
544 to be filled or for the election of members of the town committee, as the  
545 case may be, if a candidacy is filed in accordance with the provisions of  
546 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive. Such notice shall specify the final  
547 date for the filing of such candidacy and the date of the primary, shall  
548 state where forms for petitions may be obtained and shall generally  
549 indicate the method of procedure in the filing of such candidacy. The  
550 Secretary of the State shall prescribe the form of such notice. The clerk  
551 shall forthwith publish any change in the party-endorsed candidates,  
552 listing such changes.

553       (b) In any year in which a state election is to be held, the notice  
554 described in subsection (a) of this section shall: (1) Be published not  
555 later than the seventy-sixth day preceding the day of the primary, (2)

556 indicate that the certification provided in section 9-391, as amended by  
557 this act, can be made, and (3) indicate that a list of persons endorsed as  
558 candidates will be on file [in the clerk's office, as provided in  
559 subsection (a) of this section] with the Secretary of the State. The  
560 requirement contained in subsection (a) of this section to publish the  
561 fact that the clerk of the municipality has failed to receive the  
562 certification of the name of any person as a party-endorsed candidate  
563 within the time limit in section 9-391, as amended by this act, shall not  
564 apply to the notice required by this subsection.

565       Sec. 13. Section 9-453b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
566 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

567       The Secretary of the State shall not issue any nominating petition  
568 forms for a candidate for an office to be filled at a regular election to be  
569 held in any year prior to the first business day of such year. The  
570 Secretary shall not issue any nominating petition forms unless the  
571 person requesting the nominating petition forms makes a written  
572 application for such forms, which application shall contain the  
573 following: (1) The name or names of the candidates to appear on such  
574 nominating petition, compared by the town clerk of the town of  
575 residence of each candidate with the candidate's name as it appears on  
576 the last-completed registry list of such town, and verified and  
577 corrected by such town clerk or in the case of a newly admitted elector  
578 whose name does not appear on the last-completed registry list, the  
579 town clerk shall compare the candidate's name as it appears on the  
580 candidate's application for admission and verify and correct it  
581 accordingly; (2) a signed statement by each such candidate that the  
582 candidate consents to the placing of the candidate's name on such  
583 petition; and (3) the party designation, if any. An applicant for petition  
584 forms who does not wish to specify a party designation shall so  
585 indicate on the application for such forms and the application, if so  
586 marked, shall not be amended in this respect. No application made  
587 after November 3, 1981, shall contain any party designation unless a  
588 reservation of such party designation with the Secretary is in effect for  
589 all of the offices included in the application or unless the party

590 designation is the same as the name of a minor party which is qualified  
591 for a different office or offices on the same ballot as the office or offices  
592 included in the application. The Secretary shall not issue such forms  
593 (A) unless the application for forms on behalf of a candidate for the  
594 office of presidential elector is accompanied by the names of the  
595 candidates for President and Vice-President whom the candidate for  
596 the office of presidential elector represents and includes the consent of  
597 such candidates for President and Vice-President; (B) unless the  
598 application for forms on behalf of Governor or Lieutenant Governor is  
599 accompanied by the name of the candidate for the other office and  
600 includes the consent of both such candidates; (C) if petition forms have  
601 previously been issued on behalf of the same candidate for the same  
602 office unless the candidate files a written statement of withdrawal of  
603 the candidate's previous candidacy with the Secretary; and (D) unless  
604 the application meets the requirements of this section. A candidacy for  
605 nomination by nominating petition to a district or municipal office  
606 may be filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the last-  
607 completed registry list of the district or municipality represented by  
608 such office, as the case may be. A candidacy for nomination by  
609 nominating petition to a state office may be filed on behalf of any  
610 person whose name appears on the last-completed registry list of the  
611 state.

612       Sec. 14. Section 9-373a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
613 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

614       Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district  
615 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his  
616 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the  
617 secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and  
618 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of  
619 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the  
620 secretary deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the  
621 office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall  
622 include a candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The  
623 registration shall not include a designation of any political party. The

624 registration shall be filed with the secretary not more than ninety days  
625 prior to the election at which the office is to be filled and not later than  
626 four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day preceding the election, or the  
627 registration shall be void. No person nominated for an office by a  
628 major or minor party or by nominating petition shall register as a  
629 write-in candidate for that office under the provisions of this section,  
630 and any registration of a write-in candidacy filed by such a person  
631 shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
632 contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for the  
633 municipal office of town meeting member in any town having a  
634 representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more members  
635 shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town not later  
636 than the last business day preceding such election. A person may  
637 register as a write-in candidate to a district or municipal office if such  
638 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the district  
639 or municipality represented by such office, as the case may be. A  
640 person may register as a write-in candidate to a state office if such  
641 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

642 Sec. 15. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
643 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

644 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall  
645 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations,  
646 as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second day prior to  
647 the day of the election at which such candidates are to be voted for. A  
648 list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes each  
649 candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the  
650 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each  
651 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each  
652 candidate is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the  
653 committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination and  
654 shall be filed by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State,  
655 in the case of [state or district office or the municipal office of state  
656 representative, state senator or judge of probate,] any state, district or  
657 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, or with the clerk

658 of the municipality, in the case of any municipal office to be voted  
659 upon at a municipal election, not later than the sixty-second day prior  
660 to the day of the election. The registrars of voters of such municipality  
661 shall promptly verify and correct the names on any such list filed with  
662 him, or the names of nominees forwarded to the clerk of the  
663 municipality by the Secretary of the State, in accordance with the  
664 registry list of such municipality and endorse the same as having been  
665 so verified and corrected. For purposes of this section, a list of  
666 nominations shall be deemed to be filed when it is received by the  
667 Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate. If  
668 such certificate of a party's nomination is not received by the Secretary  
669 of the State or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be, by such  
670 time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of  
671 sections 9-460, 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to have neither made  
672 nor certified any nomination of any candidate for such office. A  
673 candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a district or municipal  
674 office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the  
675 last-completed registry list of the district or municipality represented  
676 by such office, as the case may be. A candidacy for nomination by a  
677 minor party to a state office may be filed on behalf of any person  
678 whose name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

679 Sec. 16. Section 9-412 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
680 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

681 Upon the receipt of any page of a petition proposing a candidacy for  
682 a municipal office or for member of a town committee, the registrar  
683 shall forthwith sign and give to the person submitting the petition a  
684 receipt in duplicate, stating the number of pages filed and the date and  
685 time of filing and shall forthwith certify on each such page the number  
686 of signers on the page who were enrolled on the last-completed  
687 enrollment list of such party in the municipality or political  
688 subdivision, as the case may be, and shall forthwith file such certified  
689 page in person or by mail, as described in section 9-140b, with the clerk  
690 of the municipality, together with the registrar's certificate as to the  
691 whole number of names on the last-completed enrollment list of such

692 party in such municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be,  
693 [within] not later than seven days after receipt of the page. If such page  
694 involves a municipal office to be voted upon at a state election, such  
695 registrar shall also file a certificate, on a form prescribed by the  
696 Secretary of the State, that includes the name and full street address of  
697 each candidate and the title and district of such office not later than  
698 seven days after receipt of such page. In checking signatures on  
699 primary petition pages, the registrar shall reject any name if such name  
700 does not appear on the last-completed enrollment list in the  
701 municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection  
702 shall be indicated by placing a mark in a manner prescribed by the  
703 Secretary before the name so rejected. The registrar may place a check  
704 mark before each name appearing on the enrollment list to indicate  
705 approval but shall place no other mark on the page except as provided  
706 in this chapter. The registrar shall not reject any name for which the  
707 street address on the petition is different from the street address on the  
708 enrollment list, if (1) such person is eligible to vote for the candidate or  
709 candidates named in the petition, and (2) the person's date of birth, as  
710 shown on the petition page, is the same as the date of birth on the  
711 person's registration record. The registrar shall reject any page of a  
712 petition which does not contain the certifications provided in section 9-  
713 410, or which the registrar determines to have been circulated in  
714 violation of any other provision of section 9-410. Petitions filed with  
715 the municipal clerk shall be preserved for a period of three years and  
716 then may be destroyed.

717 Sec. 17. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
718 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

719 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258  
720 to the contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen  
721 years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may be (1) appointed as  
722 a challenger or unofficial checker in an election, or (2) appointed as a  
723 checker, translator, ballot clerk or voting tabulator tender in an election  
724 after (A) attending poll worker training, and (B) receiving the written  
725 permission of a parent, guardian or the principal of the school that the

726 citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary school student and the  
727 citizen is to be appointed to work on a day when such school is in  
728 session.

729 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436 or 9-436a to the  
730 contrary, a United States citizen who is sixteen or seventeen years of  
731 age and a bona fide resident of a town or political subdivision holding  
732 a primary may be (1) appointed as a challenger or candidate checker in  
733 the primary, or (2) appointed as a checker, translator, ballot clerk or  
734 voting tabulator tender in a primary after (A) attending poll worker  
735 training, and (B) receiving the written permission of a parent, guardian  
736 or the principal of the school that the citizen attends if the citizen is a  
737 secondary school student and the citizen is to be appointed to work on  
738 a day when such school is in session.

739 Sec. 18. Section 9-236b of the general statutes is amended by adding  
740 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

741 (NEW) (f) The provisions of section 9-261, describing requirements  
742 for identification, shall be posted where the official checkers are  
743 located in each polling location. Such posting shall be in a manner  
744 prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

745 Sec. 19. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
746 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

747 Ballots shall be printed in plain clear type and on material of such  
748 size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be furnished by the registrar of  
749 voters. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a  
750 political party on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of  
751 the type used to print the names of all other political parties appearing  
752 on such ballot. The name of each major party candidate for a municipal  
753 office, as defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of  
754 state senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot [as it  
755 appears on the registry list of the candidate's town of voting residence,  
756 except as provided in section 9-42a] as authorized by each candidate.  
757 The name of each major party candidate for a state or district office, as

758 defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of state senator or  
759 state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on the  
760 certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, subsection  
761 (b) of section 9-391, as amended by this act, or section 9-400 or 9-409.  
762 The name of each minor party candidate shall appear on the ballot [as  
763 it appears on the registry list in accordance with the provisions of  
764 section 9-452] as authorized by each candidate. The name of each  
765 nominating petition candidate shall appear on the ballot as it is  
766 verified by the town clerk on the application filed under section 9-  
767 453b, as amended by this act. The size and style of the type used to  
768 print the name of a candidate on a ballot shall be identical with the size  
769 and style of the type used to print the names of all other candidates  
770 appearing on such ballot. Such ballot shall contain the names of the  
771 offices and the names of the candidates arranged thereon. The names  
772 of the political parties and party designations shall be arranged on the  
773 ballots and followed by the word "party", either in columns or  
774 horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-249a, immediately adjacent to  
775 the column or row occupied by the candidate or candidates of such  
776 political party or organization. The ballot shall be printed in such  
777 manner as to indicate how many candidates the elector may vote for  
778 each office, provided in the case of a town adopting the provisions of  
779 section 9-204a, such ballot shall indicate the maximum number of  
780 candidates who may be elected to such office from any party. If two or  
781 more candidates are to be elected to the same office for different terms,  
782 the term for which each is nominated shall be printed on the official  
783 ballot as a part of the title of the office. If, at any election, one candidate  
784 is to be elected for a full term and another to fill a vacancy, the official  
785 ballot containing the names of the candidates in the foregoing order  
786 shall, as a part of the title of the office, designate the term which such  
787 candidates are severally nominated to fill. No column, under the name  
788 of any political party or independent organization, shall be printed on  
789 any official ballot, which contains more candidates for any office than  
790 the number for which an elector may vote for that office.

791       Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is  
792 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

793 *passage*):

794 (a) At the top of each ballot shall be printed the name of the party  
795 holding the primary, and each ballot shall contain the names of all  
796 candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of  
797 justices of the peace. The vertical columns shall be headed by the  
798 designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number  
799 for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same  
800 manner as a ballot used in a regular election. The name of each  
801 candidate for town committee or municipal office, except for the  
802 municipal offices of state senator and state representative, shall appear  
803 on the ballot [as it appears on the registry list of such candidate's town  
804 of voting residence, except as provided in section 9-42a] as authorized  
805 by each candidate. The name of each candidate for state or district  
806 office or for the municipal offices of state senator or state  
807 representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on the certificate  
808 or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, 9-391, as amended by  
809 this act, 9-400 or 9-409. On the first horizontal line, below the  
810 designation of the office or position in each column, shall be placed the  
811 name of the party-endorsed candidate for such office or position, such  
812 name to be marked with an asterisk; provided, where more than one  
813 person may be voted for any office or position, the names of the party-  
814 endorsed candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left  
815 to right under the appropriate office or position designation and shall  
816 continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower line or lines.  
817 In the case of no party endorsement there shall be inserted the  
818 designation "no party endorsement" at the head of the vertical column,  
819 immediately beneath the designation of the office or position. On the  
820 horizontal lines below the line for party-endorsed candidates shall be  
821 placed, in the appropriate columns, the names of all other candidates  
822 as hereinafter provided.

823 Sec. 21. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
824 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

825 [Immediately after the polls are closed] Not later than forty-eight

826 hours after the close of the polls, the official checker or checkers,  
827 appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make and  
828 deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of  
829 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,  
830 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the  
831 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or  
832 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on  
833 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential  
834 or overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be  
835 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant  
836 registrars, as the case may be, [acting at the respective polls,] shall  
837 write and sign with ink, on the list or lists so used and checked, a  
838 certificate of the whole number of names registered on the list eligible  
839 to vote in the election or primary and the number checked as having  
840 voted in that election or primary, and deposit it in the office of the  
841 municipal clerk. [of their town on or before the following day.] If an  
842 electronic version of the registry list is used, the electronic device upon  
843 which such list is stored shall be returned to the registrars of voters  
844 who shall cause the electronic registry list to be printed. Such printed  
845 list shall be signed by each registrar, who shall deposit such list in the  
846 office of the municipal clerk. [on the following day.] The municipal  
847 clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or printed  
848 electronic registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on it  
849 without alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a  
850 certified copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the  
851 provisions of section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any  
852 voting checklist four years after the date upon which it was used. The  
853 moderator shall place the certificate which the moderator received  
854 from the official checker or checkers in the office of the municipal clerk  
855 [on or before the following day] not later than forty-eight hours after  
856 the close of the polls.

857 Sec. 22. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
858 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

859 [As soon as the polls are closed] Upon the close of the polls, the

860 moderator, in the presence of the other election officials, shall  
861 immediately lock the voting tabulator against voting and immediately  
862 cause the vote totals for all candidates and questions to be produced.  
863 The moderator shall, in the order of the offices as their titles are  
864 arranged on the ballot, read and announce in distinct tones the result  
865 as shown, giving the number indicated and indicating the candidate to  
866 whom such total belongs, and shall read the votes recorded for each  
867 office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in the same manner,  
868 announce the vote on each constitutional amendment, proposition or  
869 other question voted on. The vote so announced by the moderator  
870 shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the tally sheets.  
871 Each checker shall record the number of votes received for each  
872 candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each person  
873 for whom write-in ballots were cast. Once completed, the vote totals  
874 produced by the tabulator shall be prepared for transmission to the  
875 Secretary of the State. The result totals shall remain [in full] subject to  
876 public view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have  
877 been fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and  
878 registrars, or assistant registrars, as the case may be. [The] Any other  
879 remaining result of the votes cast shall be publicly announced by the  
880 moderator [, who shall read] not later than forty-eight hours after the  
881 close of the polls. Such public announcement shall consist of reading  
882 (1) the name of each candidate, with the designating number and letter  
883 on the ballot and the absentee vote as furnished the moderator by the  
884 absentee ballot counters, [; also] and (2) the vote cast for and against  
885 each question submitted. While such announcement is being made,  
886 ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to  
887 compare the results so announced with the result totals provided by  
888 the tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and there be  
889 made by the moderator, checkers and [registrars] registrar or assistant  
890 registrars, after which the compartments of the voting tabulator shall  
891 be closed and locked. In canvassing, recording and announcing the  
892 result, the election officials shall be guided by any instructions  
893 furnished by the Secretary of the State.

894 Sec. 23. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the

895 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

896 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
897 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and  
898 the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
899 moderator shall make out a preliminary list of the votes given for each  
900 of the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant  
901 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney  
902 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state  
903 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrar of voters  
904 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,  
905 as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in the moderator's  
906 municipality and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to  
907 the Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day. Once  
908 the preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State,  
909 the moderator shall make out a duplicate list of the votes given in the  
910 moderator's town for each of the following officers: Presidential  
911 electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,  
912 Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, United States senator,  
913 representative in Congress, state senator, judge of probate, state  
914 representative and registrars of voters when said officers are to be  
915 chosen. [Said] Such duplicate list shall include a statement of the total  
916 number of names on the official check list of such town and the total  
917 number checked as having voted. The moderator [may] shall transmit  
918 such list to the Secretary of the State by [facsimile machine or other]  
919 electronic means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State [, not later  
920 than midnight on election day.] not later than forty-eight hours after  
921 the close of the polls on election day. [If the moderator transmits such  
922 list by such electronic means, the] The moderator shall also seal and  
923 deliver one of such lists to the Secretary of the State not later than the  
924 third day after the election. [If the moderator does not transmit such  
925 list by such electronic means, the moderator shall seal and deliver one  
926 of such lists by hand either (1) to the Secretary of the State not later  
927 than six o'clock p.m. of the day after the election, or (2) to the state  
928 police not later than four o'clock p.m. of the day after the election, in  
929 which case the state police shall deliver it by hand to the Secretary of

930 the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of the day after the election.]  
931 Any such moderator who fails to so deliver such list to [either] the  
932 Secretary of the State [or the state police] by the time required shall  
933 pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver  
934 one of such lists to the clerk of such town, [on or before the day after  
935 such election.] The Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in  
936 tabular form in books kept by the Secretary for that purpose and  
937 present a printed report of the same, with the name of, and the total  
938 number of votes received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to  
939 the General Assembly at its next session.

940 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
941 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,  
942 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
943 moderator shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the State the  
944 results of the vote for each office contested at such election by  
945 [facsimile machine or other] electronic means as prescribed by the  
946 Secretary of the State [, not later than midnight on election day] not  
947 later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls on election day.  
948 [If the moderator transmits such list by such electronic means, the] The  
949 moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such lists to the Secretary  
950 of the State not later than the third day after the election. [If the  
951 moderator does not transmit such list by such electronic means, the  
952 moderator shall seal and deliver one of such lists by hand either (1) to  
953 the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of the day after  
954 the election, or (2) to the state police not later than four o'clock p.m. of  
955 the day after the election, in which case the state police shall deliver it  
956 by hand to the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of  
957 the day after the election.] Any such moderator who fails to so deliver  
958 such list to [either] the Secretary of the State [or the state police] by the  
959 time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. Such moderator  
960 shall include in such return a statement of the total number of names  
961 on the official check list of such town and the total number checked as  
962 having voted. Such return shall be on a form prescribed by the  
963 Secretary of the State.

964 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is  
965 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
966 *passage*):

967 (a) Not later than [seven days] forty-eight hours following each  
968 regular state election, the head moderator, registrars of voters and  
969 town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall meet to  
970 identify any error in the returns. Not later than [fourteen] three days  
971 following each regular state election, the head moderator shall correct  
972 any error identified and file an amended return with the Secretary of  
973 the State and the registrars of voters.

974 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any  
975 provision of title 9 of the general statutes, the Secretary of the State, in  
976 consultation and coordination with The University of Connecticut,  
977 may authorize the use of electronic equipment for the purpose of  
978 conducting any audit required pursuant to section 9-320f of the general  
979 statutes, as amended by this act, for any primary or general election  
980 held on or after January 1, 2016, provided (1) the Secretary of the State  
981 prescribes specifications for (A) the testing, set-up and operation of  
982 such equipment, and (B) the training of election officials in the use of  
983 such equipment; and (2) the Secretary of the State and The University  
984 of Connecticut agree that such equipment is sufficient in quantity to  
985 accommodate the total number of audits to be conducted. Nothing in  
986 this section shall preclude any candidate or elector from seeking  
987 additional remedies pursuant to chapter 149 of the general statutes as a  
988 result of any information revealed by such process.

989 Sec. 26. Section 9-320f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
990 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

991 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary  
992 and not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the  
993 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or  
994 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal  
995 election or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct, except as  
996 provided in section 25 of this act, a manual audit of the votes recorded

997 in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district  
998 or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be  
999 noticed in advance and be open to public observation. Any election  
1000 official who participates in the administration and conduct of an audit  
1001 pursuant to this section shall be compensated by the municipality at  
1002 the standard rate of pay established by such municipality for elections  
1003 or primaries, as the case may be.

1004 (b) The voting districts subject to the audit described in subsection  
1005 (a) of this section shall be selected in a random drawing by the  
1006 Secretary of the State and such selection process shall be open to the  
1007 public. The offices subject to the audit pursuant to this section shall be,  
1008 (1) in the case of an election where the office of presidential elector is  
1009 on the ballot, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one  
1010 additional office selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the  
1011 State, but in no case less than three offices, (2) in the case of an election  
1012 where the office of Governor is on the ballot, all offices required to be  
1013 audited by federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random  
1014 drawing by the Secretary of the State, but in no case less than three  
1015 offices, (3) in the case of a municipal election, three offices or twenty  
1016 per cent of the number of offices on the ballot, whichever is greater,  
1017 selected at random by the municipal clerk, and (4) in the case of a  
1018 primary election, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus  
1019 one additional office, if any, but in no event less than twenty per cent  
1020 of the offices on the ballot, selected in a random drawing by the  
1021 municipal clerk.

1022 (c) If a selected voting district has an office that is subject to  
1023 recanvass or an election or primary contest pursuant to the general  
1024 statutes, the Secretary shall select an alternative district, pursuant to  
1025 the process described in subsection (b) of this section.

1026 (d) The manual audit described in subsection (a) of this section shall  
1027 consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted  
1028 by each voting tabulator subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote  
1029 totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared

1030 to the results reported by the voting tabulator on the day of the  
1031 election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be  
1032 reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall  
1033 include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by  
1034 each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate  
1035 in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and  
1036 the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that  
1037 were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed  
1038 with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such  
1039 report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of  
1040 Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State  
1041 regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified.  
1042 After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such  
1043 report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

1044 (e) For the purposes of this section, a ballot that has not been  
1045 properly completed will be deemed to be a ballot on which (1) votes  
1046 have been marked by the voter outside the vote targets, (2) votes have  
1047 been marked by the voter using a manual marking device that cannot  
1048 be read by the voting tabulator, or (3) in the judgment of the registrars  
1049 of voters, the voter marked the ballot in such a manner that the voting  
1050 tabulator may not have read the marks as votes cast.

1051 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-311, the Secretary of  
1052 the State shall order a discrepancy recanvass of the returns of an  
1053 election or primary for any office if a discrepancy, as defined in  
1054 subsection (o) of this section, exists where the margin of victory in the  
1055 race for such office is less than the amount of the discrepancy  
1056 multiplied by the total number of voting districts where such race  
1057 appeared on the ballot, provided in a year in which the Secretary of the  
1058 State is a candidate for an office on the ballot and that office is subject  
1059 to an audit as provided by this section, the State Elections Enforcement  
1060 Commission shall order a discrepancy recanvass if a discrepancy, as  
1061 defined by subsection (o) of this section, has occurred that could affect  
1062 the outcome of the election or primary for such office.

1063 (g) If The University of Connecticut report described in subsection  
1064 (d) of this section indicates that a voting tabulator failed to record  
1065 votes accurately and in the manner provided by the general statutes,  
1066 the Secretary of the State shall require that the voting tabulator be  
1067 examined and recertified by the Secretary of the State, or the  
1068 Secretary's designee. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
1069 prohibit the Secretary of the State from requiring that a voting  
1070 tabulator be examined and recertified.

1071 (h) The audit report filed pursuant to subsection (d) of this section  
1072 shall be open to public inspection and may be used as prima facie  
1073 evidence of a discrepancy in any contest arising pursuant to chapter  
1074 149 or for any other cause of action arising from such election or  
1075 primary.

1076 (i) If the audit officials are unable to reconcile the manual count with  
1077 the electronic vote tabulation and discrepancies, the Secretary of the  
1078 State shall conduct such further investigation of the voting tabulator  
1079 malfunction as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing whether  
1080 or not to decertify the voting tabulator or tabulators in question or to  
1081 order the voting tabulator to be examined and recertified pursuant to  
1082 subsection (g) of this section. Any report produced by the Secretary of  
1083 the State as a result of such investigation shall be filed with the State  
1084 Elections Enforcement Commission and the commission may initiate  
1085 such further investigation in accordance with subdivision (1) of  
1086 subsection (a) of section 9-7b as may be required to determine if any  
1087 violations of the general statutes concerning election law have been  
1088 committed.

1089 (j) The individual paper ballots used at an election or primary shall  
1090 be carefully preserved and returned in their designated receptacle in  
1091 accordance with the requirements of section 9-266 or 9-310, whichever  
1092 is applicable.

1093 (k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude any  
1094 candidate or elector from seeking additional remedies pursuant to  
1095 chapter 149.

1096 (l) After an election or primary, any voting tabulator may be kept  
1097 locked for a period longer than that prescribed by sections 9-266, 9-310  
1098 and 9-447, if such an extended period is ordered by either a court of  
1099 competent jurisdiction, the Secretary of the State or the State Elections  
1100 Enforcement Commission. Either the court or the Secretary of the State  
1101 may order an audit of such voting tabulator to be conducted by such  
1102 persons as the court or the Secretary of the State may designate,  
1103 provided the State Elections Enforcement Commission may order such  
1104 an audit under the circumstances prescribed in subsection (f) of this  
1105 section. If the machine utilized in such election or primary is an optical  
1106 scan voting system, such order to lock such machine shall include the  
1107 tabulator, memory card and all other components and processes  
1108 utilized in the programming of such machine.

1109 (m) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance  
1110 with the provisions of chapter 54, as may be necessary for the conduct  
1111 of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots described in subsection  
1112 (a) of this section and to establish guidelines for expanded audits when  
1113 there are differences between the manual and tabulator counts.

1114 (n) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
1115 Secretary of the State shall have access to the code in any voting  
1116 machine whenever any problem is discovered as a result of the audit  
1117 described in subsection (a) of this section.

1118 (o) As used in this section, "discrepancy" means any difference in  
1119 vote totals between tabulator and manual counts in a voting district  
1120 that exceeds one-half of one per cent of the lesser amount of the vote  
1121 totals between tabulator and manual counts where such differences  
1122 cannot be resolved through an accounting of ballots that were not  
1123 marked properly in accordance with subsection (e) of this section,  
1124 "state election" means "state election", as defined in section 9-1, and  
1125 "municipal election" means a municipal election held pursuant to  
1126 section 9-164.

1127 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Two or more  
1128 municipalities may jointly perform any function that each municipality

1129 is required to perform individually under title 9 of the general statutes  
 1130 by entering into an agreement pursuant to this section. Any such  
 1131 agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain all provisions upon  
 1132 which each participating municipality agrees. Any such agreement  
 1133 shall establish a process for amendment of, termination of and  
 1134 withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall be  
 1135 submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality for  
 1136 a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each  
 1137 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public  
 1138 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section,  
 1139 providing an opportunity for public comment does not require a  
 1140 legislative body to conduct a public hearing.

1141 (b) For any municipality in which the legislative body is the town  
 1142 meeting, such legislative body may, by resolution, vote to delegate its  
 1143 authority to ratify or reject a proposed agreement to the board of  
 1144 selectmen, provided such board of selectmen provides an opportunity  
 1145 for public comment in accordance with this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-4b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-192a
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-3
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(g)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-17a
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-19b(b) to (d)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k(d) to (f)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-23g(a) to (f)
Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-391
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-395
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-453b
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-373a
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	9-452
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-412
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-235d

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Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-236b
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-250
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-437(a)
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	9-307
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	9-320f
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section