

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
COMMITTEE**

**Public Hearing March 9, 2015**

**Testimony on Raised Bill No. SB 1051**

**An Act Strengthening Connecticut's Elections**

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Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE  
Committee

My name is Darlene Burrell, a Registrar of Voters in Suffield, and here to  
speak in opposition to SB 1051.

This bill weakens Connecticut's election process by removing the checks  
and balances from elections administration. Two registrars of voters, from  
different factions or political parties, provide the extra eyes needed for  
transparency in election administration which helps ensure that elections are  
being administered according to law.

I do support the requirement that registrars possess certain skills, education  
and experience as mentioned in section 1 of this bill. I also support the  
multi-step election results reporting in Section 20, plus the certification and  
other continued education requirements mentioned in this bill.

In conclusion SB 1051 creates a hiding place for election problems and  
opens an avenue for corruption. All election related problems need to be  
seen, reported and properly handled.

I thank you for your time and consideration.