

From: Joan Broadhurst and Carol Conklin, Registrars of Voters, Old Saybrook, CT

Regarding: Testimony – SB1051

We are submitting the following responsibilities we perform as registrars:

Have regular office hours.

Maintain a proper business environment in the registrars' office and perform all necessary tasks in order to have an efficient and voter friendly atmosphere.

Maintain voter records: new voters; change of name, address or party affiliation; deaths; motor vehicle notices; processing online registrations; conducting annual canvases.

Visit the local high school annually to enroll eligible voters.

Conduct elections, primaries and referendums.

Train and oversee deputy registrars, assistant registrars and moderators.

Select and train staff to perform all duties at all polling locations in a professional manner and to insure that all voters have a positive voting experience.

Arrange for all polling locations including an EDR location.

Maintain memory cards.

Test both poll and absentee ballots for each election, primary or referendum.

Organize and implement absentee voting in our two local nursing/rehab facilities.

Hold special voter registration sessions as required by state statute as well as special town wide events.

Provide an up to date voter list to be used at each polling location with absentee voters already marked as having voted and a supplemental list if needed.

Organize the set up and breakdown of polling locations.

Tabulate payroll figures for all poll workers to be submitted to our accounting department.

Put together an annual budget for each fiscal year.

The present two registrar (one from each major party) system provides for a bipartisan environment and works extremely well in our town. A system where there is one registrar per city or town, chosen by the governing body of each city or town, would lead to the perception that only one party is being represented by the voting process.