

To Senator Steve Cassano,  
Representative Ed Jutila,  
Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Re SB 1051: An Act Strengthening Connecticut's Elections

I am the Republican Registrar of Voters in Durham, CT. I am writing to urge you to reject that portion of SB 1051 that calls for the appointment of a single registrar. Our office deals with the most partisan events in our state: elections. Claims that Connecticut is the only state that has a two party registrar system fails to tell the whole story. A review of the 60 systems in other states reveals that 48 are partisan, 1 varies depending on the municipality, and 10 are nonpartisan.\* Only 1 state -Maine- appoints a single, nonpartisan local official to oversee elections. The two-Registrar system provides the checks and balances needed to ensure fair elections. Elimination of the system in favor of a single appointed Registrar would increase costs to the towns and would be anything but nonpartisan.

I support that portion of SB 1051 that calls for reporting of tabulator totals to Secretary of State's office the day of the election, with remaining results to be reported within 48 hours of the close of polls.

Respectfully,

Pamela M Lucashu

\* See "State Laws for Local Election Administration, attached- NB: the Delaware state appointed line is not currently in effect. This change is reflected in the numbers quoted above.

State	Jurisdiction	Election Administrator	#	Partisan	Elected / Appointed By	Reference
AL	County	Appointing Board	3 (Probate Judge, Circuit Clerk, Sheriff)	Yes (no minority rep)	Elected	<a href="http://al.state.al.us/hb100com.pdf">http://al.state.al.us/hb100com.pdf</a>
AL	Town	Mayor or Board consisting of Mayor / Council President / City Attorney	1 or 3	Differs per-city	Elected (or 2 elected, 1 appointed)	<a href="http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/codeofalabama/1975/coatoc.htm">http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/codeofalabama/1975/coatoc.htm</a> (chapter 46)
AK	State	Election Director	1	No	Appointed by Lt. Governor	<a href="http://codes.lp.findlaw.com/akstatutes/15/15.10/01/15.10.105">http://codes.lp.findlaw.com/akstatutes/15/15.10/01/15.10.105</a>
AZ	County	Recorder	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?InDoc=/ars/16/00131.htm&amp;Title=16&amp;DocType=ARS">http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?InDoc=/ars/16/00131.htm&amp;Title=16&amp;DocType=ARS</a>
AR	County	Board of Election Commissioners	3	Yes	Chairs of major and minor party; 3rd member appointed by major party chair	<a href="http://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-7/chapter-4/subchapter-1/7-4-102/">http://law.justia.com/codes/arkansas/2010/title-7/chapter-4/subchapter-1/7-4-102/</a>
CA	County	Clerk, Registrar, Recorder, or Election Commission (varies by county, no state definition)	Varies	No	Primarily Elected. Counties may specify appointment process via referendum	<a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/new-voters/county-elections-offices/">http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/new-voters/county-elections-offices/</a>
CO	County	Clerk-Recorder	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/lawsRules/files/Title1.pdf">http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/lawsRules/files/Title1.pdf</a>
CT	Town	Registrars	2	Yes	Elected	
DE	State	Election Commissioner	1	No	Appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate	<a href="http://delcode.delaware.gov/title15/c003/index.shtml">http://delcode.delaware.gov/title15/c003/index.shtml</a>
DE	County	Board of Elections	4-10	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by Governor from list provided by state party chairs	<a href="http://doe.dos.state.fl.us/publications/pdf/2014/2014_election-laws.pdf">http://doe.dos.state.fl.us/publications/pdf/2014/2014_election-laws.pdf</a>
FL	County	Supervisor of Elections	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://web.lexisnexis.com/research/xlink?app=00075&amp;view=full&amp;interface=1&amp;docinfo=off&amp;searchby=pe&amp;get&amp;search=O.C.G.A.+%A7+21-240">http://web.lexisnexis.com/research/xlink?app=00075&amp;view=full&amp;interface=1&amp;docinfo=off&amp;searchby=pe&amp;get&amp;search=O.C.G.A.+%A7+21-240</a>
GA	County	Board of Elections	By local act; minimum of 3	Yes	Generally appointed by party organizations, may appoint the-breaking nonpartisan member	
GA	County	Superintendent (Judge of Probate)	1 (or board of 2)	Yes	Elected; when on ballot, party organizations appoint members to fulfill duties	<a href="http://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2010/title-21/chapter-2/article-2/part-3/21-2-79/">http://law.justia.com/codes/georgia/2010/title-21/chapter-2/article-2/part-3/21-2-79/</a>
HI	State	Election Commission	9	Yes (4 from each party, elect 9th members)	Appointed by legislative leadership	<a href="http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrcurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HR50011/HR5_0011-0007.htm">http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrcurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HR50011/HR5_0011-0007.htm</a>
ID	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title34/734CH2SECT34-208.htm">http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title34/734CH2SECT34-208.htm</a>
IL	County or City	Board of Election Commissioners	3	Yes (No more than 1 per party)	Appointed by County Commission	<a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=01000050HARt%2E+5&amp;ActID=170&amp;ChapterID=3&amp;SeqStart=21500000&amp;SeqEnd=30800000">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=01000050HARt%2E+5&amp;ActID=170&amp;ChapterID=3&amp;SeqStart=21500000&amp;SeqEnd=30800000</a>
IL	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=01000050HARt%2E+5&amp;ActID=170&amp;ChapterID=3&amp;SeqStart=16300000&amp;SeqEnd=21500000">http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4.asp?DocName=01000050HARt%2E+5&amp;ActID=170&amp;ChapterID=3&amp;SeqStart=16300000&amp;SeqEnd=21500000</a>
IN	County	Election Board	3	Yes	Elected clerk; 1 appointment from each party chair	<a href="http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/2010/titles/av6/ch5.pdf">http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/2010/titles/av6/ch5.pdf</a>
IA	County	County Auditor	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.iowaauditors.org/elections/aud_role.html">http://www.iowaauditors.org/elections/aud_role.html</a>
KS	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections_registration_ce_o.asp?">http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections_registration_ce_o.asp?</a>
KY	County	Lord of Elections	4	Yes	Elected clerk / Sheriff; 1 appointment by each major party	<a href="http://elect.ky.gov/countyboardmembers/Pages/default.aspx">http://elect.ky.gov/countyboardmembers/Pages/default.aspx</a>
LA	County	Registrar of Voters	1	Yes	Appointed by county governing board, opposite party deputy	<a href="http://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=81615">http://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=81615</a>

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ME	Town	Town / City Clerk	1	No	Appointed by town officers (procedure varies)	<a href="http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/21-A/article21-asec505.html">http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/21-A/article21-asec505.html</a>
MID	County	Board of Elections	3-5	Yes	Appointed by governor from list provided by county party organizations	<a href="http://web.lexisnexis.com/research/xlink?app=00075&amp;view=full&amp;interface=1&amp;docinfo=off&amp;searchtye=get&amp;search=Mid+Election+Law+Code+Ann+%A7+A2-201">http://web.lexisnexis.com/research/xlink?app=00075&amp;view=full&amp;interface=1&amp;docinfo=off&amp;searchtye=get&amp;search=Mid+Election+Law+Code+Ann+%A7+A2-201</a>
MA	Towns	Board of Registrars	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Selectmen choose 3 from Town Committee provided list; Clerk automatically on board	<a href="https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVI/Chapter51/Section15">https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVI/Chapter51/Section15</a>
MA	Cities	Board of Election Commissioners	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Mayor	<a href="https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVI/Chapter51/Section16A">https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVI/Chapter51/Section16A</a>
MI	County	Board of County Election Commissioners	3	partisan, probate judge nonpartisan	Elected	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-27476-.00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-27476-.00.html</a>
MI	Towns	Town / City Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-27476-.00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716-27476-.00.html</a>
MN	County	Auditor	1	No	Elected	<a href="http://www.sos.state.mn.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=5064">http://www.sos.state.mn.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=5064</a>
MN	Towns	Clerk	1	No	Elected	<a href="http://www.sos.state.mn.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=9247">http://www.sos.state.mn.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=9247</a>
MS	County	Election Commission	5	Yes	Elected	<a href="https://www.sos.ms.gov/links/elections/home/lab5/ElectionCodeRev020209.pdf">https://www.sos.ms.gov/links/elections/home/lab5/ElectionCodeRev020209.pdf</a>
MO	Large Counties	Election Commission	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by Governor from lists provided by state parties	<a href="http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/11500000271.html">http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/11500000271.html</a>
MO	Small Counties	County Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/11500000151.html">http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/11500000151.html</a>
MT	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mta/13/1/13-1-301.htm">http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mta/13/1/13-1-301.htm</a>
NE	County (78 counties)	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=32-218">http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=32-218</a>
NE	15 defined counties	Commissioner	1	Yes	Appointed by Governor in large counties; county commission in small counties; chief deputy of opposite party	<a href="http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=32-219">http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=32-219</a>
NV	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-246.html">http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-246.html</a>
NH	Town	Clerk / Supervisors of the Checklist	4	No	Elected	<a href="http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsd/html/LXIII/652/652-14-a.htm">http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsd/html/LXIII/652/652-14-a.htm</a>
NJ	County	Board of Elections	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by political parties (1 each from state/county in each party)	<a href="http://law.justia.com/codes/new-jersey/2009/title-19/19-6/19-6-17">http://law.justia.com/codes/new-jersey/2009/title-19/19-6/19-6-17</a>
NM	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://www.sos.state.nm.us/legislation_And_Resources/NMElectionHandbook_2011.pdf">http://www.sos.state.nm.us/legislation_And_Resources/NMElectionHandbook_2011.pdf</a>
NY	County	Board of Elections	2	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by political party	<a href="https://codes.lp.findlaw.com/nycode/ELN/3/2/3-200">https://codes.lp.findlaw.com/nycode/ELN/3/2/3-200</a>
NC	County	Board of Elections	3	Yes	Appointed by State Board of Elections from lists provided by major parties	<a href="https://codes.lp.findlaw.com/nycode/ELN/3/2/3-200">https://codes.lp.findlaw.com/nycode/ELN/3/2/3-200</a>
ND	County	Auditor	1	No	Elected	<a href="http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/116-1601.pdf?20150309002951">http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/116-1601.pdf?20150309002951</a>
OH	County	Board of Elections	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by Secretary of State	<a href="https://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3501.06">https://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3501.06</a>

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OK	County	Board of Elections	4	Yes (evenly divided between parties)	Appointed by political parties	<a href="http://webserver1.lisb.state.ok.us/OK_Statutes/CompleteTitles/0526.tft">http://webserver1.lisb.state.ok.us/OK_Statutes/CompleteTitles/0526.tft</a>
OR	County	Clerk	1	No	Elected	<a href="https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors246.html">https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors246.html</a>
PA	County	Election Commission	3	Yes	Elected (consists of existing city or county commission members, adding representatives appointed by minority party if elected commission members are from a single party)	<a href="http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LU/consCheck.cfm?txttype=HTML&amp;ttl=25&amp;div=0&amp;chp=12&amp;sectn=3&amp;subsectn=0&amp;mobile_choice=suppress">http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LU/consCheck.cfm?txttype=HTML&amp;ttl=25&amp;div=0&amp;chp=12&amp;sectn=3&amp;subsectn=0&amp;mobile_choice=suppress</a>
RI	Municipal	Board of Canvassers	3	Yes (max 2 per party)	Appointed by local legislative body from list provided by political party committee	<a href="http://webserver.riin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-8/17-8-1.HTM">http://webserver.riin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/17-8/17-8-1.HTM</a>
SC	County	Board of Voter Registration and Elections	5-9	Yes (min. 1 from minority party)	Appointed by Governor	<a href="http://www.sctatehouse.gov/code/1076005.php">http://www.sctatehouse.gov/code/1076005.php</a>
SD	County	Auditor	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://legis.sd.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&amp;Statute=12-4-2">http://legis.sd.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&amp;Statute=12-4-2</a>
TN	County	Election Commission	5	Yes (3 majority, 2 minority)	Appointed by State Election Commission; each caucus appoints county members of same party	<a href="http://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2010/title-2/chapter-12/part-1-2-12-101/">http://law.justia.com/codes/tennessee/2010/title-2/chapter-12/part-1-2-12-101/</a>
TX	County	Election Commission	5	Yes	3 elected, plus county party chairs	
UT	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://le.utah.gov/UtahCode/section.jsp?code=20A-5">http://le.utah.gov/UtahCode/section.jsp?code=20A-5</a>
VT	Town	Board of Civil Authority	9-23	No	Elected (Clerk, Selectboard, and Justices of the Peace)	
VA	County / Cty	Electoral Board	3	Yes (2 from Governor's party, 1 from minority party)	Appointed by vote of local circuit judges from list provided by political parties	<a href="https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+24.2-106">https://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+24.2-106</a>
WA	County	Auditor	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=29A.04.216">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=29A.04.216</a>
WV	County	Ballot Commissioners	3	Yes	Clerk appointed by County Commission; 1 board member each appointed by each major party	<a href="http://www.legis.state.wv.us/MV/CODE/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=03&amp;art=1&amp;section=19">http://www.legis.state.wv.us/MV/CODE/ChapterEntire.cfm?chap=03&amp;art=1&amp;section=19</a>
WI	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/7">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/7</a>
WI	Municipal	Clerk	1	No	Elected	<a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/7">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/7</a>
WY	County	Clerk	1	Yes	Elected	<a href="http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=title/Title22/T22CH8.htm">http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=title/Title22/T22CH8.htm</a>