



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1393



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SATURDAY REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
SESSIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
4 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
5 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of
6 each regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall
7 hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those
8 found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section.
9 Such sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours
10 indicated, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

T1

Day

Hours

T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	[Saturday of third week	
T6	before election day	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.]
T7	Seventh day	
T8	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

11 The session of the registrars of voters on the seventh day before
12 election day shall be the last [regular] session for [the] admission of
13 electors prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1.
14 (2) No town having a population of less than twenty-five thousand
15 persons shall be required to hold sessions for admission of electors on
16 the fourteenth day before primary day.

17 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
18 the registrars of voters shall hold a limited session on the last week day
19 before each regular election from nine o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m.
20 for the purpose of admitting only those persons whose qualifications
21 as to age, citizenship or residence in the municipality were attained
22 after the last session for [the] admission of electors prior to an election.
23 The registrars shall enter the names of those electors admitted at such
24 limited session on the proper list, with their residences by street and
25 numbers.

26 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and
27 (b) of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall hold one
28 session each year, between the first of January and the last day of the
29 school year, at each public high school in such town, for the admission
30 of persons who are eligible for admission under subsection (a) or (b) of
31 section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high school in a regional
32 school district, such session shall be held on a rotating basis by the
33 registrars of voters for each town which is a member of the regional
34 school district. The registrars of voters need not give notice of this

35 session by publication in a newspaper.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	9-17

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the mandatory registrars of voters session held the Saturday of the third week before the day of each state or municipal election and make conforming changes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]