



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 257

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT
LISTS AND DENIAL OF PRIVILEGES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The registrars of voters in each municipality in which an enrollment
4 session is to be held shall give notice of such session, and of the
5 purpose, day, hours and place thereof, by publication in a newspaper
6 published in or having a circulation in such municipality, not more
7 than fifteen nor less than five days before such session. Nothing in this
8 section shall require that such publication be in the form of a legal
9 advertisement. In each municipality divided into voting districts, any
10 session for enrollment in such municipality may, if the registrars of
11 voters so decide, be held in each such district by assistant registrars of
12 voters appointed under section 9-192, provided the registrars of voters
13 in the notice shall specify the place in each such district in which such
14 session is to be held. When such a session is so held in each such
15 district by such assistant registrars of voters, within forty-eight hours
16 after the close of each of such sessions, each of such assistant registrars
17 of voters shall deliver to the registrar of whom he is the appointee a
18 true and attested list or lists, as made by such assistant registrars of
19 voters at such session, showing all enrollments and corrections, if any,
20 [by them made, together with a list of all applications rejected under

21 the provisions of sections 9-60 and 9-63] made by such assistant
22 registrars of voters.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
25 *passage*):

26 (e) The registrars of voters shall make available for public use such
27 list in the office of the registrars of voters until the printing of the next
28 completed enrollment list; and they shall deliver to the chairman of the
29 town committee of each political party copies of each such list for each
30 voting district in the town. Whenever the registrars of voters are not in
31 their office, such list shall be available at another municipal office.
32 Upon request, the registrars of voters shall give one complete set of
33 such lists to each candidate for nomination for any office or for election
34 as a town committee member. The registrars of voters shall deliver a
35 sufficient number of copies thereof to the moderator of each primary.
36 [No petition brought under the provisions of section 9-63 shall operate
37 to delay the completion and printing of such lists. If the petition of any
38 elector is granted after any such list has been completed, the registrars
39 of voters or assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall issue
40 to such elector a certificate showing that the elector is entitled to the
41 privileges accompanying enrollment in the political party named in the
42 elector's petition.]

43 Sec. 3. Section 9-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

45 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name
46 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list
47 under section 9-59, [9-60, 9-61 or 9-62,] any elector not enrolled on any
48 enrollment list may at any time make a written and signed application
49 for enrollment to the registrars of voters on an application form for
50 admission as an elector, in accordance with the requirements of this
51 section. The application shall be effective as of the date it is filed with
52 the registrars of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and

53 any person making application for enrollment in such manner shall
54 immediately be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the
55 application for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with
56 the registrars of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last business
57 day before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the
58 privileges of party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is
59 otherwise filed with the registrar after the fifth day before the primary,
60 in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment
61 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or
62 (3) is filed with the registrars of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the last
63 business day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall be
64 entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the
65 caucus or convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by
66 the registrar, deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by
67 such other personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for [the]
68 such purpose, showing the date when such application is received and,
69 in the case of an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59
70 [9-60, 9-61 or 9-62] to the privileges accompanying enrollment in the
71 party named in his application, the date upon which such applicant
72 becomes so eligible. In municipalities divided into voting districts in
73 which an enrollment session is held in each district thereof under
74 section 9-51, application for enrollment shall be made to the registrar
75 or assistant registrar, as the case may be, in the voting district in which
76 such elector is entitled to vote at the time of making such application.
77 If any registrar or assistant registrar fails to add any name to any such
78 list on written application or adds any name to any such list except as
79 [herein provided, he] provided in this section, such registrar or
80 assistant registrar shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

81 Sec. 4. Section 9-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

83 The following persons shall be guilty of primary or enrollment
84 violations: (1) Any person unlawfully voting or participating or
85 attempting to vote or participate in any primary in which he is not

86 eligible to vote or participate; (2) in towns divided into voting districts,
87 any elector who registers or votes at any primary in a voting district
88 other than the district in which such elector is legally entitled to vote at
89 the time of such primary; (3) any elector who signs the name of
90 another to a written application to register, without the knowledge and
91 consent of the person whose name is signed thereto, or who falsely
92 represents the contents of any written or printed form of application
93 for enrollment with intent to secure the application of an elector for
94 enrollment upon a list other than that of his true political preference;
95 (4) any registrar or deputy registrar of voters who fails to hold sessions
96 as provided in sections 9-51 and 9-53, as amended by this act, or who
97 fails to register an elector upon the oral or written application for
98 enrollment of such elector, except as provided by law, or who fails to
99 erase an elector's name as provided in section 9-59 or who registers
100 any elector upon an enrollment list other than that declared by such
101 elector in his application as his political preference, or who removes or
102 erases the name of any elector from any enrollment list except as
103 provided by law; [(5) any person who fails to properly serve any notice
104 or citation required by sections 9-60 and 9-61 when directed so to do
105 by any registrar or deputy registrar, or who makes any false return as
106 to any such notice or citation; and (6)] and (5) any moderator of a
107 primary of the enrolled electors of a specified party, such primary
108 being legally called for the nomination of candidates for any public
109 elective office, who fails to comply with the requirements of chapter
110 153. The penalty for any such violation shall be a class D misdemeanor,
111 except that any person found to have violated subdivision (1) or (2) of
112 this section shall be guilty of a class D felony and shall be
113 disfranchised.

114 Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2016 supplement to
115 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
116 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

117 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any
118 person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the

119 provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35, 7-41, 7-83, 7-
120 283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, [9-63,] 9-322, 9-350, 10-193, 10-197, 10-
121 198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 12-52, 12-170aa, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g,
122 subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section
123 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-487, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-
124 113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-
125 143b, 13a-247 or 13a-253, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-
126 90, 13b-221, 13b-292, 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or
127 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414,
128 subsection (d) of section 14-12, section 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (e)
129 of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-49,
130 14-50a or 14-58, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a, 14-66b
131 or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, subsection (f) of section 14-
132 80h, section 14-97a, 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-146, 14-152,
133 14-153 or 14-163b, a first violation as specified in subsection (f) of
134 section 14-164i, section 14-219 as specified in subsection (e) of said
135 section, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, section 14-240, 14-249, 14-
136 250 or 14-253a, subsection (a) of section 14-261a, section 14-262, 14-264,
137 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-275a, 14-278 or 14-279, subsection (e) or (h)
138 of section 14-283, section 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, 14-319, 14-320, 14-
139 321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of
140 section 14-386a, section 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97,
141 subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-44, 16-256e, 16a-15 or 16a-22,
142 subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149,
143 17a-152, 17a-465, 17a-642, 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137 or 17b-734,
144 subsection (b) of section 17b-736, section 19a-30, 19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-
145 87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-105, 19a-107,
146 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297,
147 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425,
148 19a-502, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-158, 20-231, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-
149 341l, 20-366, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 21-1, 21-30, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-
150 47, 21-48, 21-63 or 21-76a, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-
151 21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26 or
152 21a-30, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63
153 or 21a-77, subsection (b) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154,

154 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, subsection (a) of
155 section 21a-279a, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-
156 29, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39a, 22-39b, 22-39c, 22-39d, 22-
157 39e, 22-49, 22-54, subsection (d) of section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-98, 22-
158 99, 22-100, 22-111o, 22-167, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a,
159 22-326 or 22-342, subsection (b), (e) or (f) of section 22-344, section 22-
160 359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22a-66a or 22a-246,
161 subsection (a) of section 22a-250, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h,
162 section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e,
163 section 22a-449, 22a-461, 23-37, 23-38, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or
164 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40,
165 subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-16, 26-18, 26-
166 19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-31c, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56,
167 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section
168 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91,
169 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-117, 26-128, 26-131, 26-
170 132, 26-138 or 26-141, subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 26-
171 142a, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 26-157b, subdivision
172 (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a,
173 subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-232, 26-244,
174 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-288, 26-294, 28-13, 29-
175 6a, 29-25, 29-109, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e) or
176 (g) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of
177 section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section
178 29-291c, section 29-316, 29-318, 29-381, 30-48a, 30-86a, 31-3, 31-10, 31-
179 11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-
180 36, 31-38, 31-40, 31-44, 31-47, 31-48, 31-51, 31-52, 31-52a or 31-54,
181 subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76,
182 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288,
183 subdivision (1) of section 35-20, section 36a-787, 42-230, 45a-283, 45a-
184 450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54,
185 section 46a-59, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 47-34a, 47-47, 49-8a, 49-16, 53-
186 133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-302a, 53-303e,
187 53-311a, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323, 53-331 or 53-344, subsection (c) of
188 section 53-344b, or section 53-450, or (2) a violation under the

189 provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted
 190 in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410,
 191 or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town,
 192 city or borough, except violations of building codes and the health
 193 code, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed
 194 two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has
 195 established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation
 196 pursuant to section 7-152c, shall follow the procedures set forth in this
 197 section.

198 Sec. 6. Section 51-274 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

200 All special acts or provisions thereof inconsistent with this chapter
 201 and with sections 1-1a, 2-5, 2-40, 2-61, 5-164, 5-189, 7-80, 8-12, [9-63,] 9-
 202 258, 9-368, 12-154, 14-141, 14-142, 18-65, 18-73, 19a-220, 21a-96, 29-13,
 203 29-362, 30-105, 30-107, 30-111, 35-22, 46b-120, 46b-133, 46b-160, 47a-23,
 204 47a-28, 47a-35, 47a-37, 49-61, 49-62, 51-6a, 51-9, 51-15, 51-27, 51-30, 51-
 205 33, 51-34, 51-36, 51-48, 51-49, 51-50, 51-51, 51-52, 51-59, 51-72, 51-73, 51-
 206 78, 51-95, 51-183b, 51-183d, 51-183f, 51-183g, 51-215a, 51-229, 51-232,
 207 51-237 and 51-241, subsection (a) of section 51-243 and sections 51-247,
 208 51-347, 52-45a, 52-45b, 52-46, 52-97, 52-112, 52-139, 52-193, 52-194, 52-
 209 196, 52-209, 52-212, 52-215, 52-226, 52-240, 52-257, 52-258, 52-261, 52-
 210 263, 52-268, 52-270, 52-278i, 52-293, 52-297, 52-298, 52-324, 52-351, 52-
 211 397, 52-425, 52-427, 52-428, 52-521, 53-308, 53-328, 54-2a, 54-56f, 54-66,
 212 54-72, 54-74, 54-82g, 54-82j, 54-82k, 54-95a, 54-96a, 54-96b, 54-97, 54-108,
 213 54-154, 54-166 and 54-169 to 54-174, inclusive, are repealed.

214 Sec. 7. Sections 9-60 to 9-63, inclusive, of the general statutes are
 215 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-53
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-55(e)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-56

Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-361
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	51-164n(b)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	51-274
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "them" was changed to "such assistant registrars of voters" for clarity.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*