



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING  
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**Testimony in Support of SB 251- An Act Concerning Reporting of Municipal Election Results**

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, and members of the GAE Committee.

My name is Pam Lucashu, and I am a Registrar of Voters in Durham. I am also a member of the Legislative Committee of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC). I am here today to testify in favor of SB 251- An Act Concerning Reporting of Municipal Election Result.

Last session, the legislature passed this new reporting system as it applies to state and federal elections. It allows reporting of vote totals by midnight on Election Day, followed by reporting of statistical data (percentage turnout, for instance), within 48 hours of the close of polls. The intent of last year's bill was to have a consistent reporting system and registrars of voters fully support this. While Municipal ballots can be challenging in the number of offices on the ballot and many of those being multiple-opening offices, the bottom line is that the candidates are interested in the results and the statistics can come later.

**Implementing the two-tier system for municipal elections will create common processes for all elections and reduce errors and confusion.** For this reason I ask you to include the two-tier reporting system for municipal elections beginning in 2017.

Thank you.

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