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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ELIMINATING REGIONAL ELECTION MONITORS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2018*):

4 (b) (1) The Secretary of the State shall: (A) Request registrars of  
5 voters to volunteer to serve as instructors for moderators and alternate  
6 moderators; (B) select registrars from among such volunteers to serve  
7 as such instructors; (C) establish a curriculum for instructional sessions  
8 for moderators and alternate moderators; (D) establish the number of  
9 such instructional sessions to be held, provided at least one such  
10 instructional session shall be held in each congressional district in each  
11 calendar year; and (E) train the instructors for such sessions. The  
12 curriculum for such instructional sessions shall include, without  
13 limitation, procedures for counting and recording absentee ballots,  
14 "hands on" training in the use of voting tabulators, and the duties of a  
15 moderator in the conduct of a primary and election. The Secretary may

16 employ assistants on a temporary basis within existing budgetary  
17 resources for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this  
18 section. Such assistants shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter  
19 67. The instructors shall conduct instructional sessions for moderators  
20 and alternate moderators in accordance with their training by the  
21 Secretary of the State and the curriculum for such sessions.

22 [(2) The Secretary of the State shall also: (A) Coordinate with each  
23 regional election monitor under contract pursuant to section 9-229b to  
24 hold regional instructional sessions for moderators and alternate  
25 moderators, in accordance with the curriculum established under  
26 subdivision (1) of this subsection; (B) establish the number of such  
27 regional instructional sessions to be held, provided at least one such  
28 regional instructional session shall be held within each planning region  
29 at the facilities of the regional council of governments prior to each  
30 regular election; and (C) train and certify each regional election  
31 monitor for purposes of performing the duties of the position. The  
32 Secretary shall certify as a regional election monitor each individual  
33 who successfully completes training under subparagraph (C) of this  
34 subdivision, except the Secretary shall not so certify any individual  
35 who has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a  
36 court of competent jurisdiction, any (i) felony involving fraud, forgery,  
37 larceny, embezzlement or bribery, or (ii) criminal offense under this  
38 title. Any such initial certification granted under this subdivision shall  
39 expire two years after the date of its granting. Prior to expiration of the  
40 initial or any subsequent certification, a regional election monitor may  
41 undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the  
42 Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification  
43 shall be renewed for two years after the date of such completion. Only  
44 certification in accordance with this subdivision shall satisfy the  
45 requirement of subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 9-229b, and  
46 the Secretary may revoke any such certification, with or without cause,  
47 at any time.

48 (3) The duties of each regional election monitor shall include, but  
49 not be limited to: (A) Holding the regional instructional sessions

50 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (B) communicating with  
51 registrars of voters to assist, to the extent permitted under law, in  
52 preparations for and operations of any election, primary or recanvass,  
53 or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f; and (C)  
54 transmitting any order issued by the Secretary of the State, pursuant to  
55 subsection (b) of section 9-3.]

56 [(4)] (2) Any elector may attend one or more of the sessions held  
57 under subdivision (1) [or (2)] of this subsection. Each instructor [or  
58 regional election monitor, as the case may be,] shall provide the  
59 Secretary of the State with the name and address of each person who  
60 completes any such session.

61 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 8-31b of the 2018 supplement to the  
62 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
63 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

64 (b) A regional council of governments may accept or participate in  
65 any grant, donation or program available to any political subdivision  
66 of the state and may also accept or participate in any grant, donation or  
67 program made available to counties by any other governmental or  
68 private entity. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special or public  
69 act, any political subdivision of the state may enter into an agreement  
70 with a regional council of governments to perform jointly or to  
71 provide, alone or in cooperation with any other entity, any service,  
72 activity or undertaking that the political subdivision is authorized by  
73 law to perform. A regional council of governments established  
74 pursuant to this section may administer and provide regional services  
75 to municipalities and may delegate such authority to subregional  
76 groups of such municipalities. Regional services provided to member  
77 municipalities shall be determined by each regional council of  
78 governments [, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 9-229  
79 and section 9-229b,] and may include, without limitation, the following  
80 services: (1) Engineering; (2) inspectional and planning; (3) economic  
81 development; (4) public safety; (5) emergency management; (6) animal  
82 control; (7) land use management; (8) tourism promotion; (9) social;

83 (10) health; (11) education; (12) data management; (13) regional  
84 sewerage; (14) housing; (15) computerized mapping; (16) household  
85 hazardous waste collection; (17) recycling; (18) public facility siting;  
86 (19) coordination of master planning; (20) vocational training and  
87 development; (21) solid waste disposal; (22) fire protection; (23)  
88 regional resource protection; (24) regional impact studies; and (25)  
89 transportation.

90 Sec. 3. Section 9-229b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
91 *July 1, 2018*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	9-229(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	8-31b(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate in each planning region the position and duties of regional election monitor.

*[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.]*