



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5426

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION LOCATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-19j of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
5 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
6 election day, [provided the] except that when the registrars of voters
7 fail to agree on the designation of such a location by the thirty-first day
8 prior to election day, the town clerk shall forthwith make such
9 designation. The registrars of voters shall have access to the state-wide
10 centralized voter registration system [from such location] at any such
11 location designated by the registrars of voters or the town clerk, as the
12 case may be.

13 (2) The registrars of voters may appoint one or more election
 14 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election
 15 officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
 16 The registrars of voters shall supervise such election officials and train
 17 such election officials to be election day registration election officials.

18 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
 19 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
 20 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
 21 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location
 22 designated [by the registrars of voters] for election day registration
 23 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, (2) an
 24 applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher
 25 education may submit a current photo identification card issued by
 26 [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-
 27 20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has
 28 not previously voted in the election. If the information that the
 29 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
 30 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
 31 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
 32 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
 33 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
 34 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
 35 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
 36 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration
 37 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name
 38 and current address.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19;(c) and (d)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c)(1), the language was restructured for clarity.

GAE Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires town clerks to designate a location for completing and processing election day registration applications under certain conditions, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION LOCATIONS.**SUMMARY**

Current law requires registrars of voters to designate a location within each municipality for completing and processing Election Day registration (EDR) applications. This bill requires town clerks to designate a location if the registrars of voters fail to agree on one at least 31 days before the election.

By law, a designated location must be one where registrars of voters have access to the statewide centralized voter registration system.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND**EDR**

Under EDR, a person may register to vote and cast a ballot on the day of a regular state or municipal election if he or she meets the eligibility requirements for voting in Connecticut and is (1) not already an elector or (2) registered in one municipality, but wants to change his or her registration because he or she currently resides in another municipality.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/23/2018)