



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7391

House of Representatives, April 11, 2019

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 If a town clerk is appointed under a special law or a town charter,
4 the appointing authority or, if none, the chief executive official of the
5 town, shall, [within] not later than ten days after such an appointment
6 is made, file a notice of such appointment with the Secretary of the
7 State, indicating the name and address of the person appointed, the
8 date and method of such appointment and the law under which the
9 appointment was made. [Within] Not later than ten days after a
10 vacancy occurs in the appointed office of town clerk, the first
11 selectman or chief executive official of the town shall notify the
12 Secretary of the State of such vacancy.

13 Sec. 2. Section 7-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the

14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

15 Each town clerk may, unless otherwise provided by charter or
16 ordinance, appoint assistant town clerks, who, having taken the oath
17 provided for town clerks, shall, in the absence or inability of the town
18 clerk, have all the powers and perform all the duties of the town clerk.
19 [Within] Not later than ten days after a town clerk appoints an
20 assistant town clerk, the town clerk shall file a notice of such
21 appointment with the Secretary of the State, indicating the name and
22 address of the person appointed, the date and method of such
23 appointment and the law under which the appointment was made.
24 [Within] Not later than ten days after a vacancy occurs in the office of
25 assistant town clerk, the town clerk shall notify the Secretary of the
26 State of such vacancy.

27 Sec. 3. Section 9-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 The Secretary of the State, in addition to other duties imposed by
30 law, shall, as [such commissioner] the Commissioner of Elections of
31 the state, (1) advise local election officials in connection with proper
32 methods of conducting elections and referenda as defined in
33 subsection (n) of section 9-1, and, upon request of a municipal official,
34 matters arising under chapter 99; (2) prepare regulations and
35 instructions for the conduct of elections, as designated by law; (3)
36 provide local election officials with a sufficient number of copies of
37 election laws pamphlets and materials necessary to the conduct of
38 elections; (4) distribute all materials concerning proposed laws or
39 amendments required by law to be submitted to the electors; (5)
40 recommend to local election officials the form of registration cards and
41 blanks; (6) determine, in the manner provided by law, the forms for the
42 preparation of voting tabulators, for the recording of the vote and the
43 conduct of the election and certification of election returns; (7) prepare
44 the ballot title or statement to be placed on the ballot for any proposed
45 law or amendment to the Constitution to be submitted to the electors
46 of the state; (8) certify to the several boards the form of official ballots

47 for state and municipal offices; (9) provide the form and manner of
48 filing notification of vacancies, nomination and subsequent
49 appointment to fill such vacancies; (10) prescribe, provide and
50 distribute absentee voting forms for use by the municipal clerks; (11)
51 examine and approve nominating petitions filed under section 9-453o;
52 and (12) distribute corrupt practices forms and provide instructions for
53 completing and filing [the same] such forms.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-16a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	7-19
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-4

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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

The bill, which makes technical changes to statutes regarding the Secretary of the State, has no fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.

SUMMARY

This bill makes technical changes in statutes concerning the secretary of the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)