



# 2019 Testimony

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## ***GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5818** *“An Act Extending the Hours of Election Day Registration”*

### **HB 6045** *“An Act Concerning Election Day and Primary Day Registration”*

#### **CCM has concerns with HB 5818 and HB 6045.**

These bills would allow any one in line to register to vote using the Election Day Registration process by 8pm to then be allowed to vote.

This process may result in the delay of election results for every town and city as current law requires a cross check of people using the EDR process. Towns and cities work hard to ensure that voting is made easy and accessible and no one wants to deny anyone the right to vote, but election results for towns and cities should not be delayed by poor planning in select communities.

This proposal runs contrary to the goal of posting election results in a timely manner, which is a common complaint each election cycle.

CCM has discussed the issue of EDR with the Secretary of the State's office and is hopeful that a compromise solution that may involve but not be limited to additional planning by local officials in conjunction with state election officials the can be found.

CCM looks forward to working with the Committee, the Secretary of the State and stakeholders to find a workable solution that serves the needs of all voters and our towns and cities.



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