



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7391**

LCO No. 5783



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT  
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***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 Section 7-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 Section 7-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 Section 9-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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*