



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 266**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or  
4 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,  
5 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of  
6 voters of any municipality taking such action shall provide a suitable  
7 polling place in each district but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the  
8 location of any polling place or places, the legislative body shall  
9 determine the location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election  
10 shall be determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and  
11 such polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-  
12 one days except that, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters of a  
13 municipality unanimously find that any such polling place within such  
14 municipality has been rendered unusable within such period, they  
15 shall forthwith designate another polling place to be used in place of  
16 the one so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such  
17 polling place has been so changed. The registrars of voters shall keep  
18 separate lists of the electors residing in each district and shall appoint  
19 for each district a moderator in accordance with the provisions of

20 section 9-229 and such other election officials as are required by law,  
21 and shall designate one of the moderators so appointed or any other  
22 elector of such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of  
23 declaring the results of elections in the whole municipality. The  
24 registrars may also designate a deputy head moderator to assist the  
25 head moderator in the performance of his duties provided the deputy  
26 head moderator and the head moderator shall not be enrolled in the  
27 same major party, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 9-372. The  
28 selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and all other officers of the  
29 municipality shall perform the duties required of them by law with  
30 respect to elections in each voting district established in accordance  
31 with this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn by a  
32 municipality so as to conflict with the lines of congressional districts,  
33 senate districts or assembly districts as established by law, except (1) as  
34 provided in section 9-169d, and (2) that as to municipal elections, any  
35 part of a split voting district containing less than two hundred electors  
36 may be combined with another voting district adjacent thereto from  
37 which all and the same officers are elected at such municipal election.  
38 Any change in the boundaries of voting districts made within ninety  
39 days prior to any election or primary shall not apply with respect to  
40 such election or primary.

41 (b) The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or  
42 consolidated town and borough within which an institution of higher  
43 education is located may divide such municipality so as to provide at  
44 each election a separate voting district containing such institution. The  
45 registrars of voters of any municipality taking such action shall  
46 provide a suitable polling place at, or not more than five hundred feet  
47 from, such institution but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the  
48 location of such polling place, the legislative body shall determine the  
49 location thereof.

50 (c) The provisions of this section shall prevail over any contrary  
51 provision of any charter or special act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-169
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*