AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

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 Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time, redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters of any municipality taking such action shall provide a suitable polling place in each district but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the location of any polling place or places, the legislative body shall determine the location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and such polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-one days except that, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters of a municipality unanimously find that any such polling place within such municipality has been rendered unusable within such period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place to be used in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such polling place has been so changed. The registrars of voters shall keep separate lists of the electors residing in each district and shall appoint for each district a moderator in accordance with the provisions of section 9-229 and such other election officials as are required by law, and shall designate one of the moderators so appointed or any other
elctor of such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of
declaring the results of elections in the whole municipality. The
registrars may also designate a deputy head moderator to assist the
head moderator in the performance of his duties provided the deputy
head moderator and the head moderator shall not be enrolled in the
same major party, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 9-372. The
selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and all other officers of the
municipality shall perform the duties required of them by law with
respect to elections in each voting district established in accordance
with this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn by a
municipality so as to conflict with the lines of congressional districts,
senate districts or assembly districts as established by law, except (1) as
provided in section 9-169d and (2) that as to municipal elections, any
part of a split voting district containing less than two hundred electors
may be combined with another voting district adjacent thereto from
which all and the same officers are elected at such municipal election.
Any change in the boundaries of voting districts made within ninety
days prior to any election or primary shall not apply with respect to
such election or primary.

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

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

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