AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM FOR ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) There is established a study group to (1) consider the feasibility of the regionalization of election administration and the role of registrars of voters in such regionalization, (2) examine opportunities for municipalities to implement any such regionalization, and (3) develop best practices, including identifying efficiencies, for the administration of elections.

(b) The study group shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

(2) Two appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in consultation with the ranking members of such committee, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political party from the other;

(3) Two appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political party from the other;

(4) Two appointed by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political party from the other;

(5) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
(6) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(7) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(8) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(9) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(10) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(11) One appointed by the Governor; and

(12) Two appointed by the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall be admitted to the practice of law in this state and have expertise in the election laws of this state, and the other of whom shall be a representative of an organization with a mission of promoting voter participation.

(c) All appointments to the study group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in consultation with the ranking members of such committee, shall select a chairperson of the study group from among the members of the study group.

(e) Not later than January 16, 2020, the study group shall submit a report on its recommendations for the regionalization of election administration to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and to the Secretary of the State. The study group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report.
This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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