Bill No.: HB-6055
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN UPDATES TO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION LAWS.
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Government Administration and Elections

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill updates language to reflect current standards and includes a published notice of voter registration sessions by electronic means.

1. Gives registrars of voters the option of noticing voter registration sessions on their municipal website, rather than in a newspaper with local circulation.

2. Repeals obsolete provisions concerning municipal boards for admission of electors.

3. Eliminates the requirement that registrars of voters hold a session on the Tuesday of the fifth week before each regular election to prepare the preliminary voter registry list and instead requires that they complete the list.

4. Eliminates the requirement that registrars of voters (or their deputies or assistants) receive 10 hours of instruction each year under the election law and procedures training program that SOTS and an advisory committee develop, but retains the requirement they receive eight hours of training each year to maintain their certification.

5. Removes the requirement that voting tabulator tenders be electors in the municipality where they serve, instead allowing them to be state electors.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Rep Christine Conley 40th district, Connecticut General Assembly: I would like this bill to include language requiring training for election officials specific to Election Day registration.
I strongly believe that every person who casts their vote should have their ballot counted, and there have been elections in Groton and across the state where 77 ballots would have changed the outcome of a race. I support retraining of all people involved in Election Day registration in Groton so that this doesn't happen again.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Peter Gostin, New Britain Registrar; member of Registrars of Voters Assn. of Connecticut:** Mr. Gostin testified in support of this bill that makes minor technical changes with sending voter registry lists to print shops to using the computer, eliminating language that refers to the Board of Admission of Electors since municipalities no longer use such boards. In addition, this bill would eliminate competing standards of training. One statute requires ten hours training for registrars by an “Elections Training Unit”. Mr. Gostin states a “Training Unit” has never existed. The other statute requires eight hours of training approved by the Secretary of State in order to maintain mandatory certified status. Mr. Gostin supports continued eight hours of this training.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Karen Birck, Democratic Registrar of Voters, Wilton, CT:** Mrs. Birck submitted testimony that she opposes this because "it fails to state the updates to Election Administration Laws with the proposer might have had in mind."

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