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"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

5 (a) The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or
6 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,
7 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of
8 voters of any municipality taking such action shall provide a suitable
9 polling place in each district but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the
10 location of any polling place or places, the legislative body shall
11 determine the location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election
12 shall be determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and
13 such polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-

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

43 (b) (1) The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city
44 or consolidated town and borough within which an institution of
45 higher education is located may divide such municipality so as to
46 provide at each election a separate voting district containing such
47 institution. The registrars of voters of any municipality taking such

48 action shall provide a suitable polling place at, or not more than five
 49 hundred feet from, such institution but, if the registrars fail to agree as
 50 to the location of such polling place, the legislative body shall
 51 determine the location thereof.

52 (2) Not later than January first immediately following each election
 53 at which a separate voting district containing an institution of higher
 54 education was provided in a municipality, pursuant to subdivision (1)
 55 of this subsection, the Secretary of the State shall submit a report, in
 56 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
 57 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 58 relating to elections. Such report shall include (A) the number of votes
 59 cast at such election in such separate voting district, (B) the number of
 60 electors on the official registry list for such separate voting district at
 61 such election who, during the six months immediately preceding such
 62 election, were removed from the official registry list for any other
 63 voting district in the state and consequently added to the official
 64 registry list for such separate voting district, as reported by the
 65 registrars of voters of such municipality to the Secretary, (C) such
 66 institution's twelve-month, full-time enrollment, as reported by such
 67 institution to the United States Department of Education in the year of
 68 such election and to the Secretary, (D) the percentage of the figure
 69 described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision represented by the
 70 figure described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (E) the
 71 percentage of the figure described in subparagraph (C) of this
 72 subdivision represented by the figure described in subparagraph (B) of
 73 this subdivision.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2019	9-169