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"AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of
4 the general statutes:

5 (1) A special election shall be held in District 90-1 of the 120th
6 Assembly District, located at Bunnell High School, for the office of
7 state representative on June 25, 2019, in accordance with this section.
8 Only candidates for the office of state representative for the 120th
9 Assembly District who appeared on the ballot on the November 6,
10 2018, regular election shall be qualified to appear on the ballot in the
11 June 25, 2019, special election;

12 (2) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall provide a
13 grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in the amount of seven
14 thousand dollars to each candidate committee that qualified for a grant

15 for the November 6, 2018, regular election without requiring any
16 additional qualifying contributions of such candidate committees. For
17 purposes of the Citizens' Election Program, such grant shall be
18 administered as an adjourned election grant pursuant to subdivision
19 (3) of subsection (f) of section 9-705 of the general statutes. The
20 provisions of the general statutes and regulations relating to the
21 Citizens' Election Program shall apply to the June 25, 2019, special
22 election, except the amount of the grant, the limits on organization
23 expenditures and the schedule for filing campaign finance statements
24 shall be as set forth in this section;

25 (3) No committee other than a town committee, legislative caucus
26 committee or legislative leadership committee may make an
27 organization expenditure for the benefit of a candidate, or the
28 candidate committee of a candidate, for the office of state
29 representative in the June 25, 2019, special election to be held under
30 this section. No town committee, legislative caucus committee or
31 legislative leadership committee shall make an organization
32 expenditure for the benefit of a participating candidate or the
33 candidate committee of a participating candidate under the Citizens'
34 Election Program for the office of state representative in the special
35 election to be held under this section in an amount exceeding two
36 thousand dollars in the aggregate. Organization expenditures made by
37 any such committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate
38 committee in the November 6, 2018, regular election shall not be
39 counted toward such aggregate amount;

40 (4) No candidate committee may use any moneys remaining from
41 the election cycle for the November 6, 2018, regular election for the
42 benefit of a candidate in the special election to be held under this
43 section;

44 (5) The treasurer of each candidate committee shall file three weekly
45 supplemental campaign finance statements with the State Elections
46 Enforcement Commission, in accordance with section 9-712 of the
47 general statutes, on June 4, 2019, June 11, 2019, and June 18, 2019. Each

48 statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. of the
49 second day immediately preceding the required filing day, and shall
50 cover the period beginning with the first day not included in the last
51 filed statement;

52 (6) The town clerk of the town of Stratford shall publish notice of
53 the June 25, 2019, special election to be held under this section to the
54 public in accordance with the provisions of section 9-225 of the general
55 statutes on or before June 14, 2019;

56 (7) The registrars of voters of the town of Stratford shall appoint
57 election officials to serve in the polling place of the special election to
58 be held under this section not later than June 18, 2019;

59 (8) The registrars of voters of the town of Stratford shall use the
60 same official voter list at the June 25, 2019, special election to be held
61 under this section that was used by municipal election officials at the
62 November 6, 2018, regular election. Only those electors whose names
63 appeared on the official voter list for District 90-1 of the 120th
64 Assembly District on November 6, 2018, or whose names were
65 properly added by municipal election officials to said list on
66 November 6, 2018, shall be permitted to vote in the June 25, 2019,
67 special election;

68 (9) Given that the errors that occurred at the Bunnell High School
69 polling place in District 90-1 of the 120th Assembly District were
70 confined to tabulator ballots, electors who voted either by absentee
71 ballot or by an election day registration ballot in the November 6, 2018,
72 regular election shall have their original votes as cast at said regular
73 election counted for purposes of the special election to be held under
74 this section and shall not be permitted to vote in the June 25, 2019,
75 special election;

76 (10) The town clerk of the town of Stratford shall file a printed
77 absentee ballot and an affidavit certifying the number of absentee
78 ballots being printed for the June 25, 2019, special election with the
79 Secretary of the State on or before June 14, 2019;

80 (11) The registrars of voters of the town of Stratford shall file with
81 the Secretary of the State, not less than ten days before the June 25,
82 2019, special election, a sample ballot identical to those to be provided
83 for the District 90-1 polling place located at Bunnell High School, and
84 shall jointly with the town clerk certify in writing to the Secretary of
85 the State the number of ballots that have been ordered for such polling
86 place;

87 (12) The town clerk and registrars of voters of the town of Stratford
88 shall order ballots to be printed for the June 25, 2019, special election as
89 soon as practicable, but not later than Friday, June 14, 2019;

90 (13) Absentee ballot applications for the June 25, 2019, special
91 election shall be made available by the town clerk beginning June 13,
92 2019;

93 (14) The town clerk of the town of Stratford shall make absentee
94 ballots available on or before June 14, 2019;

95 (15) In order to permit officials to issue absentee ballots beginning
96 on June 14, 2019, said town clerk may use as absentee ballots in the
97 election proofs of the paper ballot that will be prepared by the printing
98 vendor, and received by officials electronically. The town clerk may
99 use such proofs as absentee ballots only until such time as the town
100 clerk receives official printed ballots for the special election to be held
101 under this section from the printing vendor;

102 (16) Said town clerk shall use available absentee ballot envelopes,
103 with serial numbers, for all absentee ballots and shall maintain a log of
104 each absentee ballot issued to each absentee ballot applicant in the
105 June 25, 2019, special election in the same manner as otherwise
106 required by chapter 145 of the general statutes;

107 (17) Absentee ballots may be hand counted by municipal election
108 officials if a proof of the paper ballot was voted upon by an elector and
109 the municipal election officials determine that hand counting of the
110 ballot is required;

111 (18) Said town clerk shall issue absentee ballots in accordance with
112 sections 9-153d to 9-153f, inclusive, of the general statutes, for the June
113 25, 2019, special election beginning May 10, 2019;

114 (19) Any paper ballots to be voted upon at the polling place for the
115 special election to be held under this section shall be received by
116 municipal election officials on or before Thursday, June 20, 2019, and
117 made available for public inspection on that date;

118 (20) Any supervised absentee voting conducted in accordance with
119 section 9-159q of the general statutes shall occur on or before
120 Thursday, June 20, 2019;

121 (21) Each voting tabulator memory card to be used at the special
122 election to be held under this section shall be programmed for the
123 election by Thursday, June 20, 2019;

124 (22) Any candidate opting to appoint official checkers in the special
125 election to be held under this section shall submit to the registrar of
126 voters a list of unofficial checkers not later than five o'clock p.m.,
127 Thursday, June 20, 2019;

128 (23) The testing of each voting tabulator to be used at the special
129 election shall be performed not later than twelve o'clock noon,
130 Monday, June 24, 2019;

131 (24) At least one designee of the Secretary of the State shall be
132 present at the polling place located at Bunnell High School during all
133 hours of voting on June 25, 2019, and during the canvass and any
134 applicable recanvass to monitor the special election, canvass and
135 recanvass;

136 (25) The canvass of the results of the June 25, 2019, special election
137 shall be limited to the District 90-1 polling place and shall be
138 conducted immediately after the close of the polls on Tuesday, June 25,
139 2019, in the manner required by chapter 148 of the general statutes,
140 and such results shall be aggregated with the certified results of the

141 recanvass which took place on November 13th and 14th of 2018,
142 excluding only the tabulator ballots from the District 90-1 polling place
143 located at Bunnell High School, cast in the November 6, 2018, regular
144 election for the office of state representative. Such certified results of
145 such recanvass, excluding such tabulator ballots from District 90-1, are
146 as follows: (A) Philip Young, 4,614 votes; (B) Jim Feehan, 4,350 votes;
147 and (C) Prez Palmer, 49 votes;

148 (26) If applicable, any required recanvass of the results of the special
149 election under chapter 148 of the general statutes shall be limited to the
150 votes cast on June 25, 2019. If such recanvass is required, the results of
151 the recanvass of the June 25, 2019, special election shall be aggregated
152 with the certified results of the recanvass which took place on
153 November 13th and 14th of 2018, excluding the tabulator ballots from
154 District 90-1 cast in the November 6, 2018, regular election, in
155 accordance with subdivision (25) of this section. If such recanvass is
156 required, the recanvass shall commence at nine o'clock a.m.,
157 Wednesday, June 26, 2019;

158 (27) The municipal election officials of the town of Stratford shall
159 certify the result of the special election to be held under this section on
160 or before five o'clock p.m., Wednesday, June 26, 2019, and shall
161 provide such certification to the Secretary of the State via electronic
162 mail or facsimile within one hour of their certification;

163 (28) Not later than three days after the special election, the Secretary
164 of the State, Treasurer and State Comptroller shall, pursuant to section
165 9-319 of the general statutes, canvass the votes and declare who has
166 been elected state representative for the 120th Assembly District; and

167 (29) The clerk of the House of Representatives shall cause a copy of
168 this resolution to be sent to the town clerk and registrars of voters of
169 the town of Stratford."

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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