



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 10980



Offered by:  
SEN. KELLY, 21<sup>st</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 7160      File No. 1015      Cal. No. 633

**"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."**

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:

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