"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

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

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

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

(2) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall provide a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund in the amount of seven thousand dollars to each candidate committee that qualified for a grant for the November 6, 2018, regular election without requiring any
additional qualifying contributions of such candidate committees. For purposes of the Citizens’ Election Program, such grant shall be administered as an adjourned election grant pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of section 9-705 of the general statutes. The provisions of the general statutes and regulations relating to the Citizens’ Election Program shall apply to the June 25, 2019, special election, except the amount of the grant, the limits on organization expenditures and the schedule for filing campaign finance statements shall be as set forth in this section;

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

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

(5) The treasurer of each candidate committee shall file three weekly supplemental campaign finance statements with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, in accordance with section 9-712 of the general statutes, on June 4, 2019, June 11, 2019, and June 18, 2019. Each statement shall be complete as of eleven fifty-nine o’clock p.m. of the
second day immediately preceding the required filing day, and shall
cover the period beginning with the first day not included in the last
filed statement;

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

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

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

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

(10) The town clerk of the town of Stratford shall file a printed
absentee ballot and an affidavit certifying the number of absentee
ballots being printed for the June 25, 2019, special election with the
Secretary of the State on or before June 14, 2019;
(11) The registrars of voters of the town of Stratford shall file with the Secretary of the State, not less than ten days before the June 25, 2019, special election, a sample ballot identical to those to be provided for the District 90-1 polling place located at Bunnell High School, and shall jointly with the town clerk certify in writing to the Secretary of the State the number of ballots that have been ordered for such polling place;

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

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

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

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

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

(17) Absentee ballots may be hand counted by municipal election officials if a proof of the paper ballot was voted upon by an elector and the municipal election officials determine that hand counting of the ballot is required;
(18) Said town clerk shall issue absentee ballots in accordance with sections 9-153d to 9-153f, inclusive, of the general statutes, for the June 25, 2019, special election beginning May 10, 2019;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(25) The canvass of the results of the June 25, 2019, special election shall be limited to the District 90-1 polling place and shall be conducted immediately after the close of the polls on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, in the manner required by chapter 148 of the general statutes, and such results shall be aggregated with the certified results of the
recanvass which took place on November 13th and 14th of 2018, excluding only the tabulator ballots from the District 90-1 polling place located at Bunnell High School, cast in the November 6, 2018, regular election for the office of state representative. Such certified results of such recanvass, excluding such tabulator ballots from District 90-1, are as follows: (A) Philip Young, 4,614 votes; (B) Jim Feehan, 4,350 votes; and (C) Prez Palmer, 49 votes;

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

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

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

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

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