

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6579

AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING VOTER

**Title:** REGISTRATION AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

**Vote Date:** 4/5/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/10/2021

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would revise or repeal certain election administration laws concerning admission of electors and maintenance of registry lists, training of certain election officials, residential status of tabulator tenders, and delivery of election returns to the Secretary of the State, town clerks and registrars of voters.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Peter D. Spain:** Spain testified that this bill is sensible and can boost the quality of our elections and governmental ethics. They explained that it can help bring out a more representative and robust democracy.

**Timothy De Carlo, Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC):** De Carlo testified that HB 6578 would repeal section 9-192a of Title 9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which would remove an elections training unit that is, “not related to the certification training that was passed in 2015 and appears in Public Act No. 15-224 and would not affect the current certification training program that is ongoing with the University of Connecticut’s Connecticut Information Technology Institute, (CITI)”. They state that the proposed legislation also makes changes regarding the prescribed time a voter registration list is to be printed. They state that ROVAC is also requesting change to 9-16, “which would allow for the option

of including the town's Internet web site in order to give notice for the time and place of the registration enrollment sessions that take place the week prior to a primary or general election". De Carlo explains that allowing the option of noticing enrollment sessions on the town website can help ensure that the notice appears on time and for multiple days rather than one time when printed in a newspaper. They explain that this bill would help to better reflect changes in the way elections are currently administered.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

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