



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Raised Bill No. 6870

LCO No. 3746



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RETRIEVAL BY TOWN CLERKS OF
ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN DROP BOXES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the
5 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
6 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
7 State, or (B) deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal
8 clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by
9 the Secretary.

10 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of
11 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the [twenty-ninth day
12 before each election, primary or referendum] first day of issuance of
13 absentee voting sets, as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of
14 section 9-140, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls

15 at [such] the election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall
16 retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each
17 such ballot deposited in such drop box.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-140b(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow town clerks to retrieve absentee ballots from drop boxes beginning the first day absentee voting sets are issued.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]