



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 244**

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE OR  
BE EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR ANY MUNICIPALITY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of title 9 or 27 of the general statutes, if any person who  
3 holds or held any elective or appointive state or municipal office, or  
4 serves or served as a sworn member of a municipality's police  
5 department, and who took an oath before entering upon the duties of  
6 such position to support the Constitution of the United States engages  
7 in insurrection or rebellion against the United States or gives aid or  
8 comfort to the enemies of the United States, such person shall, upon  
9 such act, be permanently ineligible to be elected or appointed to any  
10 state or municipal office or to serve in the armed forces of the state, as  
11 defined in section 27-2 of the general statutes.

12 (2) For the purposes of averting potential injury to the public  
13 interest in avoiding voter confusion and disruptions in the elections  
14 process or the possibility of a vacancy in elective or appointive state or  
15 municipal office, or in maintaining the minimum strength of the armed  
16 forces of the state as provided under section 27-12 of the general  
17 statutes, any resident of the state may commence a declaratory  
18 judgment action under section 52-29 of the general statutes for a  
19 determination as to whether, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this

20 subsection, a person is permanently ineligible to be elected or  
21 appointed to any state or municipal office or to serve in the armed  
22 forces of the state. Upon the issuance of the Superior Court's  
23 declaration, a certified copy of such declaration shall be filed with the  
24 Secretary of the State.

25 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of title 5 or 7 of the general  
26 statutes, if any person is convicted of seditious conspiracy, insurrection  
27 or rebellion against the United States, or a felony in relation to any  
28 such act, such person shall, upon such conviction, be permanently  
29 ineligible to be employed by the state or any municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*