



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5004

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Cal. No. 461

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING."

1 Strike lines 68 and 69 in their entirety and substitute the following in
2 lieu thereof:

3 "(b) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate
4 as many locations for the conduct of early voting as necessary to
5 reasonably ensure that during the period of early voting the time an
6 elector spends in line to vote at any such location will likely not exceed
7 thirty minutes, but in no case shall such registrars designate fewer than
8 one such location. Each location so designated shall be the same"

9 Strike lines 107 to 140, inclusive, in their entirety

10 In line 141, strike "(4)" and insert in lieu thereof "(2)"

11 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
12 internal references accordingly:

13 "Sec. 501. Section 9-168 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

15 In any town not divided into voting districts, [the place of holding
16 elections may be determined by] the legislative body of such town shall
17 designate as many places for holding elections as necessary to
18 reasonably ensure that the time an elector spends in line to vote at any
19 such place will likely not exceed thirty minutes, but in no case shall such
20 legislative body designate fewer than one such place. In towns divided
21 into voting districts the place of holding elections shall be determined
22 as provided in section 9-169, as amended by this act, [or any special act,
23 whichever applies] notwithstanding the provisions of any special act.
24 Except as provided in section 9-169a, state elections shall be held at the
25 usual place or places of holding elections in the town or the voting
26 districts thereof, as the case may be, unless the registrars of voters, in
27 writing, have designated to the clerk of such town, at least thirty-one
28 days before any such state election, a different place or places for
29 holding such election. [Unless otherwise provided by special act, the
30 place of holding city or borough elections shall be determined by the]
31 Notwithstanding any provision of any special act, in any city or
32 borough, the legislative body of such city or borough shall designate as
33 many places for holding elections as necessary to reasonably ensure that
34 the time an elector spends in line to vote at any such place will likely not
35 exceed thirty minutes, but in no case shall such legislative body
36 designate fewer than one such place. Any provision of any charter or
37 special act to the contrary notwithstanding, the place or places of
38 holding an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days prior to
39 such election, and such place or places shall not be changed within the
40 period of thirty-one days prior to such election except that, if the
41 municipal clerk and registrars of voters of a municipality unanimously
42 find that any such polling place within such municipality has been
43 rendered unusable within such period, they shall forthwith designate
44 another polling place to be used in place of the one so rendered unusable
45 and shall give adequate notice that such polling place has been so
46 changed.

47 Sec. 502. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

49 The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or
50 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,
51 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters
52 of any municipality taking such action shall [provide a suitable polling
53 place in each district but, if] designate in each voting district as many
54 polling places as necessary to reasonably ensure that the time an elector
55 spends in line to vote at any such polling place will likely not exceed
56 thirty minutes, but in no case shall such registrars designate in each
57 district fewer than one such polling place, except that, if the registrars
58 fail to agree as to the location of any polling place or places, the
59 legislative body shall determine the location thereof. Polling places to
60 be used in an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days before
61 such election, and such polling places shall not be changed within said
62 period of thirty-one days except that, if the municipal clerk and
63 registrars of voters of a municipality unanimously find that any such
64 polling place within such municipality has been rendered unusable
65 within such period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place
66 to be used in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give
67 adequate notice that such polling place has been so changed. The
68 registrars of voters shall keep separate lists of the electors residing in
69 each district and shall appoint for each district a moderator in
70 accordance with the provisions of section 9-229, as amended by this act,
71 and such other election officials as are required by law, and shall
72 designate one of the moderators so appointed or any other elector of
73 such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of declaring the
74 results of elections in the whole municipality. The registrars may also
75 designate a deputy head moderator to assist the head moderator in the
76 performance of his duties provided the deputy head moderator and the
77 head moderator shall not be enrolled in the same major party, as defined
78 in subdivision (5) of section 9-372. The selectmen, town clerk, registrars
79 of voters and all other officers of the municipality shall perform the
80 duties required of them by law with respect to elections in each voting
81 district established in accordance with this section. Voting district lines
82 shall not be drawn by a municipality so as to conflict with the lines of
83 congressional districts, senate districts or assembly districts as

84 established by law, except (1) as provided in section 9-169d and (2) that
85 as to municipal elections, any part of a split voting district containing
86 less than two hundred electors may be combined with another voting
87 district adjacent thereto from which all and the same officers are elected
88 at such municipal election. Any change in the boundaries of voting
89 districts made within ninety days prior to any election or primary shall
90 not apply with respect to such election or primary. The provisions of
91 this section shall prevail over any contrary provision of any charter or
92 special act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-168
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-169