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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 24-3—SB 257

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF AND CASTING OF
BALLOTS BY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS**

SUMMARY: This act designates the secretary of the state as the state official responsible for certifying presidential electors under the federal Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022. As the designated official, she must issue the elector certification and then immediately transmit the certificate to the archivist of the United States.

The act also requires the presidential electors to meet on the Tuesday (rather than the Monday) after the second Wednesday in December. Under state law, when a voter casts a ballot for a presidential candidate, the ballot is cast for a slate of presidential electors who pledged to vote for that candidate when all state electors convene to choose the president and vice president of the United States (CGS § 9-175).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Electoral Count Reform Act

Under the federal Electoral Count Reform Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-328, Division P, § 104), the executive of a state (by default, the governor) must certify the slate of electors being sent to choose the presidential candidates after a general election. However, this federal act also allows a state to designate someone other than the governor to serve in this role.