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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONNECTICUT'S ELECTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the*
2 *expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of*
3 *passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes
4 or section 2 of this act upon a vacancy in the office of the registrar of
5 voters or when a term of such office expires, the legislative body of
6 each municipality, in consultation and coordination with the
7 municipal clerk, shall appoint one registrar of voters. Any such
8 individual appointed shall possess (1) a college degree or four years of
9 experience related to the administration of elections or a similar field,
10 (2) considerable knowledge of records management techniques and
11 Connecticut election laws, and (3) the ability to use computer software
12 programs. The municipal clerk shall appoint a deputy registrar of
13 voters who shall assist the registrar of voters when required. The
14 registrar of voters may appoint as many assistant registrars of voters as
15 necessary to carry out the duties required by sections 9-12 to 9-67,

16 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act. In the
17 absence of the registrar of voters, or in such registrar's inability to act,
18 the municipal clerk shall assume the responsibilities of such registrar.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration*
20 *of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*)
21 Notwithstanding any provision of title 9 of the general statutes or
22 section 1 of this act, in any municipality where removal and
23 replacement of a registrar of voters is authorized by charter or
24 ordinance, such authorization shall not be affected. In any such
25 municipality acting under such authorization: (A) Upon the removal of
26 any registrar of voters, any deputy registrar of voters appointed by
27 such registrar shall cease to hold such office; and (B) upon
28 appointment of one new registrar of voters pursuant to such charter or
29 ordinance, such new registrar may appoint a deputy registrar of voters
30 and as many assistant registrars of voters as necessary to carry out the
31 duties required by sections 9-12 to 9-67, inclusive, as amended by this
32 act.

33 Sec. 3. Subsection (p) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
34 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*
35 *and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of*
36 *voters serving on said date of passage*):

37 (p) ["Registrars"] "Registrar" means the [registrars] registrar of
38 voters of the municipality appointed pursuant to section 1 or 2 of this
39 act;

40 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-15a of the general statutes is
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
42 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
43 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

44 (a) The board for admission of electors in each town shall consist of
45 the town clerk and the selectmen, provided the legislative body of any
46 town may, at any time, except during the period of eight weeks prior

47 to a regular election, vote to change the membership of such board to
48 consist of (1) the town clerk, the selectmen and the [registrars] registrar
49 of voters or (2) the town clerk and the [registrars] registrar of voters.
50 [For the purposes of this section, the term "registrars of voters", in a
51 town where there are different registrars of voters for different voting
52 districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in which,
53 at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the purpose of
54 declaring the result of the vote of the whole town was the moderator.]

55 Sec. 5. Section 9-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
57 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
58 *servicing on said date of passage*):

59 The [registrars] registrar of voters in each municipality in which an
60 enrollment session is to be held shall give notice of such session, and of
61 the purpose, day, hours and place thereof, by publication in a
62 newspaper published in or having a circulation in such municipality,
63 not more than fifteen nor less than five days before such session.
64 Nothing in this section shall require that such publication be in the
65 form of a legal advertisement. In each municipality divided into voting
66 districts, any session for enrollment in such municipality may, if the
67 [registrars] registrar of voters so [decide] decides, be held in each such
68 district by assistant registrars of voters appointed [under section 9-192]
69 pursuant to section 1 or 2 of this act, provided the [registrars] registrar
70 of voters in the notice shall specify the place in each such district in
71 which such session is to be held. When such a session is so held in each
72 such district by such assistant registrars of voters, within forty-eight
73 hours after the close of each of such sessions, each of such assistant
74 registrars of voters shall deliver to the registrar of whom he is the
75 appointee a true and attested list or lists, as made by such assistant
76 registrars of voters at such session, showing all enrollments and
77 corrections, if any, by them made, together with a list of all
78 applications rejected under the provisions of sections 9-60 and 9-63.

79 Sec. 6. Section 9-185 of the general statutes is repealed and the
80 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
81 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
82 *servoing on said date of passage*):

83 Unless otherwise provided by special act or charter, (1) members of
84 boards of assessment appeals, (2) selectmen, (3) town clerks, (4) town
85 treasurers, (5) collectors of taxes, (6) constables, [(7) registrars of voters,
86 (8)] (7) subject to the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-223e,
87 members of boards of education, and [(9)] (8) library directors shall be
88 elected, provided any town may, by ordinance, provide for the
89 appointment, by its chief executive authority, of (A) a constable or
90 constables in lieu of constables to be elected under section 9-200, or (B)
91 a town clerk, town treasurer or collector of taxes in lieu of the election
92 of such officers as provided in section 9-189. Unless otherwise
93 provided by special act or charter, all other town officers shall be
94 appointed as provided by law and, if no other provision for their
95 appointment is made by law, then (i) by the chief executive officer of
96 such municipality, (ii) where the legislative body is a town meeting, by
97 the board of selectmen, or (iii) by such other appointing authority as a
98 town may by ordinance provide, and except that, if a board of finance
99 is established under the provisions of section 7-340, the members
100 thereof shall be elected as provided in section 9-202. Any town may, by
101 a vote of its legislative body, determine the number of its officers and
102 prescribe the mode by which they shall be voted for at subsequent
103 elections.

104 Sec. 7. Section 9-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the
105 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
106 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
107 *servoing on said date of passage*):

108 No selectman shall hold the office of town clerk, town treasurer or
109 collector of town taxes during the same official year, nor that of judge
110 of probate for the district within which such town is located; no town

111 treasurer shall hold the office of collector of town taxes during the
112 same official year; nor shall any town clerk or selectman be [elected]
113 appointed a registrar of voters; and no registrar of voters shall hold the
114 office of town clerk. No assessor shall act as a member of the board of
115 assessment appeals. No member of the board of finance of any town
116 shall hold any salaried town office unless otherwise provided by
117 special act. If any registrar of voters is elected to the office of town
118 clerk or selectman and accepts the office, he shall thereupon cease to be
119 a registrar; and, if any town clerk or selectman is [elected] appointed
120 registrar of voters, the [election] appointment shall be void; and in
121 either of said cases the selectmen shall forthwith appoint another
122 registrar by a writing signed by them and filed with the town clerk. [;
123 but the person so appointed shall be a member of the same political
124 party as that to which the person so elected belongs.]

125 Sec. 8. Section 9-164a of the general statutes is repealed and the
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
127 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
128 *-serving on said date of passage*):

129 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, in any municipality
130 in which the date of the municipal election has been changed under
131 section 9-164 and in which the terms of office of one or more elected
132 municipal officers had not, or will have not, expired at the time of the
133 holding of the first municipal election in accordance with such
134 changed date under said section, the legislative body of such
135 municipality shall, prior to July 25, 1969, provide for a reasonable
136 method of transition for such offices which may include reasonable
137 extension of such terms and provision for interim terms. Except as
138 provided in sections 9-164b to [9-164f] 9-164e, inclusive, as amended
139 by this act, 9-187 and 9-187a, as amended by this act, in the absence of
140 such action by such legislative body, the terms of any such officers
141 which do not terminate within three months after such first or a
142 subsequent municipal election held under said section 9-164 shall be
143 extended to the municipal election next held after the expiration of

144 such terms, or to such date, within seventy days after such election, on
145 which the terms of municipal officers generally begin in such
146 municipality, at which election successors shall be elected for the terms
147 provided for by law or for such other transitional terms as are
148 necessary to provide the rotation required by law. The clerk of the
149 municipality, in preparing the list provided for under section 9-254,
150 shall set forth such terms or transitional terms therein.

151 Sec. 9. Section 9-164e of the general statutes is repealed and the
152 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
153 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
154 *-serving on said date of passage*):

155 Before any action is taken under sections 9-164a to ~~[9-164f]~~ 9-164d,
156 inclusive, as amended by this act, 9-187 and 9-187a, as amended by this
157 act, such proposed action shall be submitted by the legislative body to
158 the municipal attorney of the municipality taking such action for
159 approval as to conforming to law.

160 Sec. 10. Section 9-187a of the general statutes is repealed and the
161 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
162 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
163 *-serving on said date of passage*):

164 Except as provided in sections 9-164a to ~~[9-164f]~~ 9-164e, inclusive, as
165 amended by this act, the term of each elected municipal official shall
166 begin within seventy days after the municipal election at which such
167 official is elected, on the day within such period prescribed by special
168 act or charter provision, or, in the absence of such special act or charter
169 provision, on the day within such period as is prescribed by action of
170 the legislative body of such municipality, provided (1) in each
171 municipality which holds its municipal election on the first Monday of
172 May in the odd-numbered years, in the absence of such special act or
173 charter provision, or action of the legislative body, such terms shall
174 begin on the first day of July following the municipal election at which

175 such official is elected, and (2) in each municipality which holds its
176 municipal election on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November
177 in the odd-numbered years, with the exception of the term of the town
178 clerk, in the absence of such special act, or charter provision, or action
179 of the legislative body, such term shall begin on the second Tuesday
180 next following the day of the municipal election at which such official
181 is elected, and (3) in each municipality which holds its municipal
182 election on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the
183 odd-numbered years, the term of the town clerk shall be two years
184 from the first Monday of January next succeeding his election, unless
185 otherwise provided by charter or special act. Whenever the beginning
186 date of the terms of elected municipal officials is so determined or
187 changed, within the limits hereinabove specified, the authority
188 providing therefor may provide for the conforming diminution or
189 extension of terms of incumbents.

190 Sec. 11. Section 9-189a of the general statutes is repealed and the
191 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
192 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
193 *servng on said date of passage*):

194 Notwithstanding the provisions of [sections 9-189 and 9-190a]
195 section 9-189, any town or municipality may, by charter or ordinance,
196 provide that the treasurer or the town clerk of said town or
197 municipality [, or the registrars of voters of said town, or any of such
198 officers,] shall, at the next succeeding regular election for such office
199 and thereafter, be elected for a term of four years. In such event, such
200 four-year term shall begin on the first Monday of January succeeding
201 an election for treasurer or town clerk, except as provided in section 9-
202 187a, as amended by this act, [and from the Wednesday following the
203 first Monday of January succeeding an election for registrars of voters,]
204 provided, if any such town or municipality holds its town or
205 municipal election on the first Monday of May of the odd-numbered
206 years, the term of such treasurer or town clerk shall begin on the first
207 day of July following the election, except as provided in section 9-187a,

208 as amended by this act.

209 Sec. 12. Section 9-4b of the general statutes is repealed and the
210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
211 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
212 *-serving on said date of passage*):

213 The Secretary of the State shall establish an elections training unit to
214 coordinate all training for registrars of voters, deputy registrars of
215 voters [, permanent assistant registrars of voters as described in section
216 9-192] and poll workers. Such unit shall employ at least one person
217 having field experience in the conduct of elections.

218 Sec. 13. Section 9-192a of the general statutes is repealed and the
219 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
220 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
221 *-serving on said date of passage*):

222 (a) There is created a committee for the purpose of establishing
223 programs and procedures for training, examining and certifying
224 registrars of voters [,] and deputy registrars of voters. [and permanent
225 assistants, as described in section 9-192.] The committee shall consist of
226 six members, one of whom shall be from the office of the Secretary of
227 the State, one of whom shall be from the State Elections Enforcement
228 Commission, and four of whom shall be registrars of voters. The
229 Secretary of the State shall appoint the registrars of voters who shall
230 serve on such committee. [, in consultation with the Registrars of
231 Voters Association of Connecticut, or its successor organization.] The
232 committee members shall serve without pay. The Secretary of the State
233 shall determine the length of the terms of the initial members, in
234 accordance with the following: Two of such members shall serve for a
235 one-year term; two of such members shall serve for a two-year term;
236 and two of such members shall serve for a four-year term. Thereafter,
237 all members shall serve for four-year terms. The committee shall select
238 a chairperson, who shall be one of the registrars who is a member of

239 the committee.

240 (b) The committee shall adopt criteria for the training, examination
241 and certification requirements of [registrars, deputies and permanent
242 assistants] registrars and deputy registrars. In the adoption of such
243 criteria, the committee (1) shall consider whether the prescribed
244 training leading to certification may, in part, be satisfied through
245 participation in the required two conferences a year called by the
246 Secretary of the State, pursuant to section 9-6, as amended by this act,
247 for purposes of discussing the election laws, procedures or matters
248 related to election laws and procedures, and (2) may recommend
249 programs at one or more institutions of higher education that satisfy
250 such criteria. [Any] Either the registrar of voters [, deputy or
251 permanent assistant may] or deputy registrar of voters of each
252 municipality shall participate in the course of training prescribed by
253 the committee and, upon completing such training and successfully
254 completing any examination or examinations prescribed by the
255 committee, shall be recommended by the committee to the Secretary of
256 the State as a candidate for certification as a certified Connecticut
257 registrar of voters. The Secretary of the State shall certify any such
258 qualified, recommended candidate as a certified Connecticut registrar
259 of voters. The Secretary of the State may rescind any such certificate
260 only upon a finding, by a majority of the committee, of sufficient cause
261 as defined by the criteria adopted pursuant to this subsection. [No
262 provision of this subsection shall require any registrar of voters,
263 deputy or permanent assistant to be a certified registrar of voters.]

264 (c) The committee shall also (1) develop a training program in
265 election procedures for poll workers, and (2) develop an election law
266 and procedures training program and guide for registrars [,] and
267 deputy registrars. [and assistant registrars.] The training program
268 developed under subdivision (2) of this section shall provide for
269 training to be conducted by [trained registrars or former registrars]
270 designees of the Secretary of the State hired for such purpose by [the
271 Secretary of the State] said Secretary. The committee shall submit such

272 training programs and training guide to the Secretary of the State, who
273 shall approve or modify the programs and guide.

274 Sec. 14. Section 9-192b of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
276 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
277 *servicing on said date of passage*):

278 Each registrar of voters shall annually designate either [said] such
279 registrar [] or the deputy registrar of voters [or an assistant registrar of
280 voters] to receive at least ten hours of instruction under the elections
281 training program developed under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
282 section 9-192a, as amended by this act.

283 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is
284 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
285 *passage*):

286 (g) [In] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
287 in the case of a written complaint filed with the commission pursuant
288 to section 9-7b on or after January 1, 1988, if the commission does not,
289 by the sixtieth day following receipt of the complaint, either issue a
290 decision or render its determination that probable cause or no probable
291 cause exists for one or more violations of state election laws, the
292 complainant or respondent may apply to the superior court for the
293 judicial district of Hartford for an order to show cause why the
294 commission has not acted upon the complaint and to provide evidence
295 that the commission has unreasonably delayed action. [Such
296 proceeding]

297 (2) In the case of a statement filed by the Secretary of the State with
298 the commission pursuant to section 9-7b, as amended by this act, on or
299 after July 1, 2015, if the commission does not, by the thirtieth day
300 following such filing, make a determination to investigate such
301 statement and, by the ninetieth day following such filing, complete any
302 investigation of such statement, the Secretary may apply to the

303 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford for an order to show
304 cause why the commission has not acted upon the statement and to
305 provide evidence that the commission has unreasonably delayed
306 action.

307 (3) Any judicial proceeding pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this
308 subsection shall be privileged with respect to assignment for trial. The
309 commission shall appear and give appropriate explanation in the
310 matter. The court may, in its discretion, order the commission to: [(1)]
311 (A) Continue to proceed pursuant to section 9-7b, [(2)] as amended by
312 this act, (B) act by a date certain, or [(3)] (C) refer the complaint or
313 statement to the Chief State's Attorney. Nothing in this subsection shall
314 require the commission, in any proceeding brought pursuant to this
315 subsection, to disclose records or documents which are not required to
316 be disclosed pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1-210. Nothing in this
317 subsection shall preclude the commission from continuing its
318 investigation or taking any action permitted by section 9-7b, as
319 amended by this act, unless otherwise ordered by the court. The
320 commission or any other party may, within seven days after a decision
321 by the court under this subsection, file an appeal of the decision with
322 the Appellate Court.

323 Sec. 16. Section 9-236b of the general statutes is amended by adding
324 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

325 (NEW) (f) The provisions of section 9-261, as amended by this act,
326 describing requirements for identification, shall be posted where the
327 official checkers are located in each polling location. Such posting shall
328 be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

329 Sec. 17. Section 9-395 of the general statutes is repealed and the
330 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

331 (a) Forthwith upon the certification provided in section 9-391, the
332 clerk of the municipality shall publish, in a newspaper having a
333 general circulation in such municipality, the fact of such certification

334 and that a list of the persons endorsed as candidates is on file in his
335 office and copies thereof are available for public distribution. If, with
336 respect to any office or position to be filled, the clerk of the
337 municipality has failed to receive the certification of the name of any
338 person as a party-endorsed candidate within the time limited in
339 section 9-391, such fact shall be published by the clerk of the
340 municipality. Together with such information, the clerk shall publish a
341 notice that a primary will be held for the nomination by such political
342 party of a candidate for the offices to be filled or for the election of
343 members of the town committee, as the case may be, if a candidacy is
344 filed in accordance with the provisions of sections 9-382 to 9-450,
345 inclusive. Such notice shall specify the final date for the filing of such
346 candidacy and the date of the primary, shall state where forms for
347 petitions may be obtained and shall generally indicate the method of
348 procedure in the filing of such candidacy. The Secretary of the State
349 shall prescribe the form of such notice. The clerk shall forthwith
350 publish any change in the party-endorsed candidates, listing such
351 changes.

352 (b) In any year in which a state election is to be held, the notice
353 described in subsection (a) of this section shall: (1) Be published not
354 later than the seventy-sixth day preceding the day of the primary, (2)
355 indicate that the certification provided in section 9-391 can be made,
356 and (3) indicate that a list of persons endorsed as candidates will be on
357 file [in the clerk's office, as provided in subsection (a) of this section]
358 with the Secretary of the State. The requirement contained in
359 subsection (a) of this section to publish the fact that the clerk of the
360 municipality has failed to receive the certification of the name of any
361 person as a party-endorsed candidate within the time limit in section
362 9-391, shall not apply to the notice required by this subsection.

363 Sec. 18. Section 9-412 of the general statutes is repealed and the
364 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

365 Upon the receipt of any page of a petition proposing a candidacy for

366 a municipal office or for member of a town committee, the registrar
367 shall forthwith sign and give to the person submitting the petition a
368 receipt in duplicate, stating the number of pages filed and the date and
369 time of filing and shall forthwith certify on each such page the number
370 of signers on the page who were enrolled on the last-completed
371 enrollment list of such party in the municipality or political
372 subdivision, as the case may be, and shall forthwith file such certified
373 page in person or by mail, as described in section 9-140b, as amended
374 by this act, with the clerk of the municipality, together with the
375 registrar's certificate as to the whole number of names on the last-
376 completed enrollment list of such party in such municipality or
377 political subdivision, as the case may be, [within] not later than seven
378 days after receipt of the page. If such page involves a municipal office
379 to be voted upon at a state election, such registrar shall also file a
380 certificate, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, that
381 includes the name and full street address of each candidate and the
382 title and district of such office not later than seven days after receipt of
383 such page. In checking signatures on primary petition pages, the
384 registrar shall reject any name if such name does not appear on the
385 last-completed enrollment list in the municipality or political
386 subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be indicated by
387 placing a mark in a manner prescribed by the Secretary before the
388 name so rejected. The registrar may place a check mark before each
389 name appearing on the enrollment list to indicate approval but shall
390 place no other mark on the page except as provided in this chapter.
391 The registrar shall not reject any name for which the street address on
392 the petition is different from the street address on the enrollment list, if
393 (1) such person is eligible to vote for the candidate or candidates
394 named in the petition, and (2) the person's date of birth, as shown on
395 the petition page, is the same as the date of birth on the person's
396 registration record. The registrar shall reject any page of a petition
397 which does not contain the certifications provided in section 9-410, or
398 which the registrar determines to have been circulated in violation of
399 any other provision of section 9-410. Petitions filed with the municipal

400 clerk shall be preserved for a period of three years and then may be
401 destroyed.

402 Sec. 19. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
403 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

404 [Immediately after the polls are closed] Not later than forty-eight
405 hours after the close of the polls, the official checker or checkers,
406 appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, as amended by this
407 act, shall make and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the
408 whole number of names on the registry list or enrollment list
409 including, if applicable, unaffiliated electors authorized under section
410 9-431 to vote in the primary, and the number checked as having voted
411 in that election or primary. For the purpose of computing the whole
412 number of names on the registry list, the lists of persons who have
413 applied for presidential or overseas ballots prepared in accordance
414 with section 9-158h shall be included. If a paper registry list is used,
415 the [registrars] registrar or assistant registrars, as the case may be,
416 [acting at the respective polls,] shall write and sign with ink, on the list
417 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of
418 names registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary
419 and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary,
420 and deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk. [of their town on or
421 before the following day.] If an electronic version of the registry list is
422 used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored shall be
423 returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the electronic
424 registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by [each] the
425 registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal
426 clerk. [on the following day.] The municipal clerk shall carefully
427 preserve the paper registry list or printed electronic registry list, as
428 applicable, on file, with the marks on it without alteration, for public
429 inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified copy of such
430 certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of section 7-
431 109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting checklist four years
432 after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place the

433 certificate which the moderator received from the official checker or
434 checkers in the office of the municipal clerk [on or before the following
435 day] not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls.

436 Sec. 20. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the
437 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

438 [As soon as the polls are closed] Upon the close of the polls, the
439 moderator, in the presence of the other election officials, shall
440 immediately lock the voting tabulator against voting and immediately
441 cause the vote totals for all candidates and questions to be produced.
442 The moderator shall, in the order of the offices as their titles are
443 arranged on the ballot, read and announce in distinct tones the result
444 as shown, giving the number indicated and indicating the candidate to
445 whom such total belongs, and shall read the votes recorded for each
446 office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in the same manner,
447 announce the vote on each constitutional amendment, proposition or
448 other question voted on. The vote so announced by the moderator
449 shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the tally sheets.
450 Each checker shall record the number of votes received for each
451 candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each person
452 for whom write-in ballots were cast. Once completed, the vote totals
453 produced by the tabulator shall be prepared for transmission to the
454 Secretary of the State. The result totals shall remain [in full] subject to
455 public view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have
456 been fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and
457 [registrars] registrar, or assistant registrars, as the case may be. [The]
458 Any other remaining result of the votes cast shall be publicly
459 announced by the moderator [, who shall read] not later than forty-
460 eight hours after the close of the polls. Such public announcement shall
461 consist of reading (1) the name of each candidate, with the designating
462 number and letter on the ballot and the absentee vote as furnished the
463 moderator by the absentee ballot counters, [; also] and (2) the vote cast
464 for and against each question submitted. While such announcement is
465 being made, ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully

466 present to compare the results so announced with the result totals
467 provided by the tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and
468 there be made by the moderator, checkers and [registrars] registrar or
469 assistant registrars, after which the compartments of the voting
470 tabulator shall be closed and locked. In canvassing, recording and
471 announcing the result, the election officials shall be guided by any
472 instructions furnished by the Secretary of the State.

473 Sec. 21. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
474 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

475 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
476 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and
477 the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
478 moderator shall make out a preliminary list of the votes given for each
479 of the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
480 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
481 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
482 senator, judge of probate and state representative when said officers
483 are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator, as provided in
484 section 20 of this act, in the moderator's municipality and shall
485 immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of the State
486 not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary list has
487 been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator shall
488 make out a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for
489 each of the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor,
490 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller,
491 Attorney General, United States senator, representative in Congress,
492 state senator, judge of probate [,] and state representative [and
493 registrars of voters] when said officers are to be chosen. [Said] Such
494 duplicate list shall include a statement of the total number of names on
495 the official check list of such town and the total number checked as
496 having voted. The moderator [may] shall transmit such list to the
497 Secretary of the State by [facsimile machine or other] electronic means
498 as prescribed by the Secretary of the State [, not later than midnight on

499 election day.] not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls
500 on election day. [If the moderator transmits such list by such electronic
501 means, the] The moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such lists
502 to the Secretary of the State not later than the third day after the
503 election. [If the moderator does not transmit such list by such
504 electronic means, the moderator shall seal and deliver one of such lists
505 by hand either (1) to the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock
506 p.m. of the day after the election, or (2) to the state police not later than
507 four o'clock p.m. of the day after the election, in which case the state
508 police shall deliver it by hand to the Secretary of the State not later
509 than six o'clock p.m. of the day after the election.] Any such moderator
510 who fails to so deliver such list to [either] the Secretary of the State [or
511 the state police] by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty
512 dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such lists to the clerk of
513 such town. [on or before the day after such election.] The Secretary of
514 the State shall enter the returns in tabular form in books kept by the
515 Secretary for that purpose and present a printed report of the same,
516 with the name of, and the total number of votes received by, each of
517 the candidates for said offices, to the General Assembly at its next
518 session.

519 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
520 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,
521 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
522 moderator shall forthwith transmit to the Secretary of the State the
523 results of the vote for each office contested at such election by
524 [facsimile machine or other] electronic means as prescribed by the
525 Secretary of the State [, not later than midnight on election day] not
526 later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls on election day.
527 [If the moderator transmits such list by such electronic means, the] The
528 moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such lists to the Secretary
529 of the State not later than the third day after the election. [If the
530 moderator does not transmit such list by such electronic means, the
531 moderator shall seal and deliver one of such lists by hand either (1) to

532 the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of the day after
533 the election, or (2) to the state police not later than four o'clock p.m. of
534 the day after the election, in which case the state police shall deliver it
535 by hand to the Secretary of the State not later than six o'clock p.m. of
536 the day after the election.] Any such moderator who fails to so deliver
537 such list to [either] the Secretary of the State [or the state police] by the
538 time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. Such moderator
539 shall include in such return a statement of the total number of names
540 on the official check list of such town and the total number checked as
541 having voted. Such return shall be on a form prescribed by the
542 Secretary of the State.

543 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is
544 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
545 *passage*):

546 (a) Not later than [seven days] forty-eight hours following each
547 regular state election, the head moderator, registrars of voters and
548 town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall meet to
549 identify any error in the returns. Not later than [fourteen] three days
550 following each regular state election, the head moderator shall correct
551 any error identified and file an amended return with the Secretary of
552 the State and the registrars of voters.

553 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Two or more
554 municipalities may jointly perform any function that each municipality
555 is required to perform individually under title 9 of the general statutes
556 by entering into an agreement pursuant to this section. Any such
557 agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain all provisions upon
558 which each participating municipality agrees. Any such agreement
559 shall establish a process for amendment of, termination of and
560 withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall be
561 submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality for
562 a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each
563 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public

564 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section,
565 providing an opportunity for public comment does not require a
566 legislative body to conduct a public hearing.

567 (b) For any municipality in which the legislative body is the town
568 meeting, such legislative body may, by resolution, vote to delegate its
569 authority to ratify or reject a proposed agreement to the board of
570 selectmen, provided such board of selectmen provides an opportunity
571 for public comment in accordance with this section.

572 Sec. 24. Section 2-30a of the general statutes is repealed and the
573 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
574 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
575 *servicing on said date of passage*):

576 (a) At such time as a proposed constitutional amendment and its
577 concomitant ballot question are approved by the General Assembly for
578 presentation to the electors of the state for their consideration at a
579 general election, the Office of Legislative Research shall prepare a
580 concise explanatory text as to the content and purpose of the proposed
581 constitutional amendment subject to the approval of the joint standing
582 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
583 constitutional amendments. Upon such approval, the Secretary of the
584 State shall cause such proposed amendment and such explanatory text
585 to be printed and transmitted to the town clerk [, and to the registrars]
586 and the registrar of voters in each town in the state in sufficient supply
587 for public distribution.

588 (b) The Secretary of the State shall print the explanations of
589 proposed constitutional amendments, as required by subsection (a) of
590 this section, on posters of a size to be determined by said Secretary and
591 shall mail at least three such posters for every polling place within a
592 town [, to the registrars of voters. Said registrars] to the registrar of
593 voters. Such registrar shall cause at least three such posters to be
594 posted at each polling place at which electors shall be voting on such

595 proposed constitutional amendments. Any posters received by the
596 [registrars] registrar in excess of the number required by this
597 subsection to be so posted may be displayed by [said registrars at
598 their] such registrar at his or her discretion at locations which are
599 frequented by the public. No expenditure of state funds shall be made
600 to influence electors to vote for or against any such proposed
601 constitutional amendment.

602 Sec. 25. Section 7-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the
603 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
604 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
605 *-serving on said date of passage*):

606 Each registrar of vital statistics shall ascertain as accurately as the
607 registrar can all marriages, deaths and fetal deaths, and all births, upon
608 the affidavit of the father or mother, occurring in the registrar's town,
609 and record the same in such form and with such particulars as are
610 prescribed by the department. The registrar shall give licenses to
611 marry, according to provisions of law, shall make and perfect all
612 records of the birth and death of the persons born or deceased in the
613 registrar's town, and, when any birth or death happens of which no
614 certificate is returned to the registrar, shall obtain the information
615 required by law respecting such birth or death. The registrar shall
616 ensure that all certificates of birth, marriage, death and fetal death are
617 fully completed before accepting the certificate for filing. The registrar
618 shall include the Social Security numbers of both persons on all
619 marriage licenses. The registrar shall make available to all persons in
620 the registrar's town who, in the registrar's judgment, are likely to need
621 them, blank forms for the certificates and returns required by law to be
622 made to the registrar, and shall amend or correct certificates of births,
623 marriages, deaths and fetal deaths that occurred in the registrar's town,
624 and the records thereof, whenever the registrar discovers transcribing,
625 typographical or clerical errors upon the face thereof. When the
626 registrar makes a correction on a certificate of birth, marriage, death or
627 fetal death, the registrar shall, within ten days, forward an

628 authenticated copy of the corrected certificate to the department and
629 any other registrar having a copy of the certificate. The registrar shall
630 maintain sufficient documentation, as prescribed by the commissioner,
631 to support such correction, and shall ensure the confidentiality of such
632 documentation as required by law. The date of the correction and a
633 summary description of the evidence submitted in support of the
634 correction shall be made part of the record. The certificate shall not be
635 marked "Amended" unless an amendment is made as provided in
636 subdivision (10) of section 7-36. The registrar shall record on each
637 certificate of birth, marriage, death or fetal death received for record
638 the date of its receipt, by writing on the certificate or through
639 electronic means. The registrar of vital statistics from the town where a
640 child was born may electronically access birth data for such child to
641 make corrections and amendments as requested by the parent or
642 parents, the reporting hospital, or the department, excluding
643 amendments regarding parentage and gender change. Amendments to
644 vital records made by the registrar of vital statistics in the town of
645 occurrence shall be made in accordance with section 19a-42. The
646 registrar shall keep the records of the registrar's office, when a
647 fireproof safe is not provided for the registrar's use, in the vaults
648 provided for the land records of the town. The registrar may, with the
649 approval of the department, store any records not in current use in a
650 location other than the registrar's office or such vaults, provided such
651 location shall be approved by the Public Records Administrator, and
652 provided such location is within the limits of such town. The registrar
653 shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, send to the
654 commissioner an authenticated copy of each certificate of birth,
655 marriage, death and fetal death received by the registrar for the
656 calendar month next preceding or a notification that no such certificate
657 has been received. Such notification shall be in a format prescribed by
658 the department. Copies of certificates of births, marriages, deaths and
659 fetal deaths, transmitted to the commissioner as required under this
660 section, shall be plain, complete and legible transcripts of the
661 certificates. If a transcript is illegible or incomplete, the commissioner

662 shall require of the registrar a complete or legible copy. Each registrar
663 of vital statistics shall also transmit to the [registrars] registrar of voters
664 for the registrar's town a notice of the death of any person seventeen
665 years of age or older, at the same time the registrar of vital statistics
666 transmits the authenticated copy of the certificate of death for such
667 person to the commissioner under this section.

668 Sec. 26. Section 9-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
669 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
670 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
671 *servoing on said date of passage*):

672 At least one week prior to each state or municipal election, the
673 Secretary of the State shall send to the [registrars] registrar of voters of
674 each municipality in which such election is to be held a copy of such
675 instructional materials as the secretary deems necessary for use by the
676 moderator in each voting district. At the time when the moderator or
677 moderators are appointed, such [registrars] registrar shall give to each
678 such moderator such materials as [they have] the registrar has received
679 from the secretary.

680 Sec. 27. Section 9-5a of the general statutes is repealed and the
681 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
682 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
683 *servoing on said date of passage*):

684 Each town shall provide the [registrars] registrar of voters with
685 office space, supplies and equipment, including facilities for the safe
686 storage and ready accessibility of the official records of such
687 [registrars. Such records shall be accessible to all registrars of voters in
688 such town and they shall be jointly responsible for their safekeeping]
689 registrar, who shall be responsible for the safekeeping of such records.

690 Sec. 28. Section 9-5b of the general statutes is repealed and the
691 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
692 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*

693 *servicing on said date of passage):*

694 When the [registrars of voters are] registrar of voters is required by
695 law to maintain, have on file or retain any document, record, list or
696 other paper, the same shall be kept in [their office or, if they do] such
697 registrar's office, or if such registrar does not have a permanent office,
698 in the office space provided under section 9-5a, as amended by this act.

699 Sec. 29. Section 9-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
700 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
701 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
702 *servicing on said date of passage):*

703 Each registrar of voters or, in the absence of a registrar, the deputy
704 registrar of voters, and each municipal clerk or, in the absence of a
705 municipal clerk, one of the assistant municipal clerks shall be
706 compensated by the municipality which the registrar or clerk
707 represents, as provided for in this section, for attending two
708 conferences a year for town clerks and registrars of voters which may
709 be called by the Secretary of the State for the purpose of discussing the
710 election laws, procedures or matters related thereto. Each such official
711 shall be compensated by the municipality at the rate of thirty-five
712 dollars per day for attending each such conference, plus mileage to
713 and from such conference at a rate per mile determined by the
714 municipality, but not less than twenty cents per mile, computed from
715 the office of such official or, if he has no office, from his home to the
716 place where such conference is being held.

717 Sec. 30. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
718 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
719 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
720 *of office of any registrar of voters servicing on said date of passage):*

721 (1) To make investigations on its own initiative or with respect to
722 statements filed with the commission by the Secretary of the State, any
723 town clerk or any registrar of voters or upon written complaint under

724 oath by any individual, with respect to alleged violations of any
725 provision of the general statutes relating to any election or referendum,
726 any primary held pursuant to section 9-423, 9-425 or 9-464 or any
727 primary held pursuant to a special act, and to hold hearings when the
728 commission deems necessary to investigate violations of any
729 provisions of the general statutes relating to any such election, primary
730 or referendum, and for the purpose of such hearings the commission
731 may administer oaths, examine witnesses and receive oral and
732 documentary evidence, and shall have the power to subpoena
733 witnesses under procedural rules the commission shall adopt, to
734 compel their attendance and to require the production for examination
735 of any books and papers which the commission deems relevant to any
736 matter under investigation or in question. Until the commission
737 determines that it is necessary to investigate a violation, commission
738 members and staff shall keep confidential any information concerning
739 a complaint or preliminary investigation, except upon request of the
740 treasurer, deputy treasurer, chairperson or candidate affiliated with a
741 committee that is the subject of the complaint or preliminary
742 investigation. In connection with its investigation of any alleged
743 violation of any provision of chapter 145, or of any provision of section
744 9-359 or section 9-359a, the commission shall also have the power to
745 subpoena any municipal clerk and to require the production for
746 examination of any absentee ballot, inner and outer envelope from
747 which any such ballot has been removed, depository envelope
748 containing any such ballot or inner or outer envelope as provided in
749 sections 9-150a, as amended by this act, and 9-150b and any other
750 record, form or document as provided in section 9-150b, in connection
751 with the election, primary or referendum to which the investigation
752 relates. In case of a refusal to comply with any subpoena issued
753 pursuant to this subsection or to testify with respect to any matter
754 upon which that person may be lawfully interrogated, the superior
755 court for the judicial district of Hartford, on application of the
756 commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with
757 such subpoena and to testify; failure to obey any such order of the

758 court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. In any
759 matter under investigation which concerns the operation or inspection
760 of or outcome recorded on any voting tabulator, the commission may
761 issue an order to the [registrars] registrar of voters to impound such
762 tabulator until the investigation is completed;

763 Sec. 31. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the
764 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
765 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
766 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

767 (3) (A) To issue an order requiring any person the commission finds
768 to have received any contribution or payment which is prohibited by
769 any of the provisions of chapter 155 or 157, after an opportunity to be
770 heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of
771 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, to return such contribution or
772 payment to the donor or payor, or to remit such contribution or
773 payment to the state for deposit in the General Fund or the Citizens'
774 Election Fund, whichever is deemed necessary to effectuate the
775 purposes of chapter 155 or 157, as the case may be;

776 (B) To issue an order when the commission finds that an intentional
777 violation of any provision of chapter 155 or 157 has been committed,
778 after an opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance
779 with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, which order may contain one
780 or more of the following sanctions: (i) Removal of a treasurer, deputy
781 treasurer or solicitor; (ii) prohibition on serving as a treasurer, deputy
782 treasurer or solicitor; and (iii) in the case of a party committee or a
783 political committee, suspension of all political activities, including, but
784 not limited to, the receipt of contributions and the making of
785 expenditures, provided the commission may not order such a
786 suspension unless the commission has previously ordered the removal
787 of the treasurer and notifies the officers of the committee that the
788 commission is considering such suspension;

789 (C) To issue an order revoking any person's eligibility to be
790 appointed or serve as an election, primary or referendum official or
791 unofficial checker or in any capacity at the polls on the day of an
792 election, primary or referendum, when the commission finds such
793 person has intentionally violated any provision of the general statutes
794 relating to the conduct of an election, primary or referendum, after an
795 opportunity to be heard at a hearing conducted in accordance with
796 sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive;

797 (D) To issue an order to enforce the provisions of the Help America
798 Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, as the
799 commission deems appropriate;

800 (E) To issue an order following the commission's determination of
801 the right of an individual to be or remain an elector when such
802 determination is made (i) pursuant to an appeal taken to the
803 commission from a decision of the [registrars] registrar of voters or
804 board of admission of electors under section 9-31l, as amended by this
805 act, or (ii) following the commission's investigation pursuant to
806 subdivision (1) of this subsection;

807 (F) To issue a cease and desist order for violation of any general
808 statute or regulation under the commission's jurisdiction and to take
809 reasonable actions necessary to compel compliance with such statute
810 or regulation;

811 Sec. 32. Section 9-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
812 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
813 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
814 *servoing on said date of passage*):

815 (a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of
816 eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which
817 the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the
818 [registrars] registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of
819 such citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in

820 subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section a person
821 shall be deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years on the day
822 of the person's eighteenth birthday and a person shall be deemed to be
823 a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for
824 admission as an elector if such person's dwelling unit is located within
825 the geographic boundaries of such town. No mentally incompetent
826 person shall be admitted as an elector.

827 (b) Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on
828 or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an
829 elector. If such citizen is found to be qualified the citizen shall become
830 an elector on the day of the citizen's eighteenth birthday. The
831 [registrars] registrar shall add the name of any person applying under
832 this subsection, if found qualified, to the registry list and, if applicable,
833 to the enrollment list, together with the effective date of [his
834 registration. The registrars] such person's registration. The registrar
835 may place the name of each such person at the end of the registry and
836 enrollment lists for the voting district.

837 Sec. 33. Section 9-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the
838 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
839 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
840 *servoing on said date of passage*):

841 The [registrars] registrar of voters in each town shall give notice of
842 the time and place of each session for the admission of electors held
843 pursuant to section 9-17, as amended by this act, by publication in a
844 newspaper published or circulated in such town not more than fifteen
845 nor less than five days before each such session. Nothing herein shall
846 require that such publication be in the form of a legal advertisement.

847 Sec. 34. Section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the
848 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
849 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
850 *servoing on said date of passage*):

851 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day
852 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
853 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of
854 each regular election. (1) The [registrars] registrar of voters of each
855 town shall hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and
856 admit those found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in
857 this section. Such sessions shall be held on the following days during
858 the hours indicated, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
859 subsection:

T1	Day	Hours
T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	Saturday of third week	
T6	before election day	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T7	Seventh day	
T8	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

860 The session of the [registrars] registrar of voters on the seventh day
861 before election day shall be the last regular session for the admission of
862 electors prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1.
863 (2) No town having a population of less than twenty-five thousand
864 persons shall be required to hold sessions for admission of electors on
865 the fourteenth day before primary day.

866 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
867 the [registrars] registrar of voters shall hold a limited session on the
868 last week day before each regular election from nine o'clock a.m. to
869 five o'clock p.m. for the purpose of admitting only those persons
870 whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in the
871 municipality were attained after the last session for the admission of
872 electors prior to an election. The [registrars] registrar shall enter the
873 names of those electors admitted at such limited session on the proper

874 list, with their residences by street and numbers.

875 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and
876 (b) of this section, the [registrars] registrar of voters in each town shall
877 hold one session each year, between the first of January and the last
878 day of the school year, at each public high school in such town, for the
879 admission of persons who are eligible for admission under subsection
880 (a) or (b) of section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high school in
881 a regional school district, such session shall be held on a rotating basis
882 by the [registrars] registrar of voters for each town which is a member
883 of the regional school district. The [registrars] registrar of voters need
884 not give notice of this session by publication in a newspaper.

885 Sec. 35. Section 9-17a of the general statutes is repealed and the
886 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
887 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
888 *servng on said date of passage*):

889 As used in sections 9-17, 9-19b, as amended by this act, 9-19c(a), 9-
890 20, as amended by this act, 9-23a, 9-24, 9-31a, as amended by this act, 9-
891 31b, as amended by this act, and 9-31l, as amended by this act, unless
892 otherwise provided, the term "admitting official" means a town clerk,
893 assistant town clerk, registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters [,] or
894 assistant registrar of voters [, special assistant registrar of voters] or the
895 board for admission of electors.

896 Sec. 36. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-19b of the
897 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
898 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
899 *of office of any registrar of voters servng on said date of passage*):

900 (b) Except during the period between the last session for the
901 admission of electors prior to an election and the day following that
902 election, [either registrar of voters, or a deputy registrar, assistant
903 registrar or special assistant registrar appointed in accordance with the
904 provisions of section 9-192] the registrar of voters, or a deputy registrar

905 or an assistant registrar appointed pursuant to section 1 or 2 of this act,
906 may examine the qualifications of any person applying to be admitted
907 as an elector in the town and, except for applications submitted
908 pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection, approve such
909 application submitted in person (1) at the office of such official; (2) at
910 any enrollment session of the registrars of voters; (3) at any public
911 place; (4) at any time and at any place in the town, other than a public
912 place; or (5) at any public office of the Department of Motor Vehicles,
913 Labor Department or Department of Social Services which is located in
914 the town in which the registrar, deputy registrar [, assistant registrar or
915 special assistant registrar] or assistant registrar serves, if written notice
916 of the date and time is given seven days in advance thereof to the
917 commissioner of such department. Upon receipt of a written notice
918 under subdivision (5) of this subsection, the commissioner of the
919 department may designate a portion of the public office which shall be
920 used for the admission of electors. [The other registrar, or any deputy,
921 assistant or special assistant registrar] The registrar, or a deputy or
922 assistant registrar, shall be permitted to be present during the
923 admission of any person pursuant to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this
924 subsection. Applications accepted and examined prior to the last
925 session for admission of electors prior to an election pursuant to
926 subdivision (4) of this subsection may be approved after such last
927 session. The admission of any person pursuant to subdivision (4) shall
928 be effective on the date when [both registrars approve such
929 application. The registrar who receives such application from the
930 applicant shall give written notice to the other registrar within one
931 business day after such receipt and the registrars shall forthwith act on
932 such applications] the registrar approves such application. No rejection
933 of any application under subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be
934 effective until the registrar has mailed to [the other registrar and] the
935 applicant a notice stating [the reasons] any reason for the rejection.
936 Any applicant whose application is rejected may appeal under the
937 provisions of section 9-311, as amended by this act.

938 (c) Such registrar, deputy [, assistant or special assistant registrar] or
939 assistant registrar accepting applications in accordance with
940 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this section shall provide the
941 applicant with a receipt. Upon approval or disapproval of the
942 application, the [registrars] registrar shall send a notice thereof by first-
943 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not
944 deliverable at the address shown thereon. If such notice of approval is
945 returned undeliverable, the [registrars] registrar shall take the
946 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35, as amended by this
947 act, or 9-43, as amended by this act.

948 (d) During the period between the last session for the admission of
949 electors prior to an election and the opening of the limited session for
950 the admission of electors held on the last weekday before such election
951 under section 9-17, the town clerk or assistant town clerk during office
952 hours and at the office of such official and [either] the registrar of
953 voters or a deputy or assistant registrar at the office of such official
954 may examine the qualifications of any person applying in person to be
955 admitted in such town and approve the application of such person
956 whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in the
957 municipality were attained after such last session and on or before the
958 last weekday prior to such election.

959 Sec. 37. Subsection (a) of section 9-19c of the general statutes is
960 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
961 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
962 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

963 (a) Upon the presentation to the town clerk or [either] the registrar
964 of voters of any town of the signed application of twenty-five or more
965 persons who are employed by the same employer at the same place of
966 employment in such town, or twenty-five or more persons who attend
967 the same school, college or university which is located in such town, or
968 who reside at the same hospital, residential care home, rest home,
969 nursing home or convalescent home located in such town and who

970 believe that they possess the qualifications for admission as electors,
971 which application may be made at any time except during the period
972 between seven days before the last session for the admission of electors
973 prior to an election and the day following such election, and shall be in
974 form substantially as provided in section 9-19d; an admitting official,
975 within the time hereinafter specified, shall go to such place of
976 employment, school, college, or university or hospital, residential care
977 home, rest home, nursing home or convalescent home for the purpose
978 of taking and acting upon applications for admission as electors of any
979 persons who reside in any Connecticut town and who are authorized
980 to be on the premises. No application need be accepted by such town
981 clerk or [registrars] registrar from persons working at any such place
982 of employment, attending any such school, college or university or
983 residing at any such hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing
984 home or convalescent home if a session for the admission of electors
985 has been held on such premises within one hundred twenty days prior
986 to the making of such petition. Such official to whom such application
987 is presented shall, within seven days after the receipt of such
988 application, inform [each] the registrar of voters and the employer, or
989 chief administrative officer of the school, college or university or
990 hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing home or
991 convalescent home of the date and time at which he will go to such
992 place for such purpose, which date shall be not less than seven days
993 nor more than ten days after the sending of the notice by such official
994 to such employer or chief administrative officer, except that no session
995 shall be held after the last session for admission of electors prior to an
996 election. The official with whom the application is filed may request
997 any other admitting official to go in his stead.

998 Sec. 38. Section 9-19e of the general statutes is repealed and the
999 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1000 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1001 *servoing on said date of passage*):

1002 Except during the period between the last session for the admission

1003 of electors prior to an election and the day following that election, an
1004 admitting official of any town, as defined in section 9-17a, may, at the
1005 times and places prescribed by law, accept applications for admission
1006 as an elector from persons who reside in any Connecticut town and
1007 examine their qualifications. Each such application for admission shall
1008 be made on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State and shall
1009 provide a space for application for enrollment in a political party as
1010 provided in section 9-23a. Such admitting official shall hand a receipt
1011 to the applicant and immediately mail the application to the town clerk
1012 or [registrars] registrar of voters of the town of residence of the
1013 applicant. The town clerk or [registrars] registrar of voters of the town
1014 of residence of such applicant shall act upon such application, upon its
1015 receipt, and shall note on such copy [his or their action] any such
1016 action taken and the date thereof, and if disapproved, [his or their
1017 reasons] any reason therefor. If the town clerk acts on the application,
1018 he shall deliver such copy to the [registrars] registrar as provided in
1019 section 9-20, as amended by this act, and whoever acts upon the
1020 application shall immediately send written notification to the
1021 applicant, and if the application is disapproved, [he or they] either
1022 such official shall send such notification by certified mail. No person
1023 shall be admitted as an elector under this section unless his application
1024 has been approved by the town clerk or [registrars] registrar of voters
1025 of his town of residence. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
1026 permit an admitting official to approve applications for admission as
1027 an elector in places located outside the boundaries of the municipality
1028 or district of which he is an official. Appeals may be taken from the
1029 action of such town clerk or [registrars] registrar of voters under this
1030 section in accordance with section 9-31l, as amended by this act. Any
1031 person making application for registration under this section shall be
1032 entitled to the privileges of an elector and party enrollment, if
1033 applicable, from the time such application for admission as an elector
1034 is approved by the town clerk or [registrars] registrar of voters of his
1035 voting residence, provided if such application is made after twelve
1036 o'clock noon on the last business day before a primary, such applicant

1037 shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after
1038 the primary and provided if such application is made on the day of a
1039 caucus or convention, such applicant shall be entitled to the privileges
1040 of party enrollment immediately after the caucus or convention.

1041 Sec. 39. Section 9-19g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1042 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1043 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1044 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1045 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-19b, as amended by
1046 this act, during the period between the last session for the admission of
1047 electors prior to an election and the opening of the limited session for
1048 such admission held on the last weekday before the election, the town
1049 clerk or assistant town clerk during office hours and at the office of
1050 such official, and [either] the registrar of voters or a deputy or assistant
1051 registrar at the office of such official, may examine the qualifications of
1052 any person applying in person to be admitted as an elector in such
1053 town and act on such application, except the privileges of an elector
1054 shall not attach to any such applicant until written approval is sent to
1055 him by such official no earlier than two days following the election. If
1056 the application is disapproved, such official shall send notification
1057 thereof by certified mail no earlier than two days following the
1058 election. At the time of application, the official examining the applicant
1059 shall retain a copy of the application and shall hand a receipt thereof to
1060 the applicant.

1061 Sec. 40. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is
1062 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1063 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
1064 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1065 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
1066 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994,
1067 shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each

1068 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
1069 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
1070 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
1071 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
1072 application form for the admission of an elector (1) shall be subject to
1073 the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include any
1074 provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a
1075 statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains
1076 an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (C)
1077 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. The
1078 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
1079 application for admission which is submitted in person or by mail. The
1080 applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the
1081 applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth, whether
1082 the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior
1083 voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's
1084 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a
1085 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the
1086 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed
1087 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall
1088 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to
1089 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if
1090 it is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day
1091 for registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide
1092 the applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the
1093 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the
1094 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official
1095 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The
1096 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was
1097 submitted in person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith
1098 transmit the application to the [registrars] registrar of voters of the
1099 applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted
1100 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
1101 election, the application shall be transmitted to the [registrars] registrar

1102 of voters of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than
1103 five days after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections
1104 (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g, as amended by this act, which are
1105 not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.
1106 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications
1107 made under this section. The commissioner is not an admitting official
1108 and may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, as amended
1109 by this act, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

1110 Sec. 41. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1111 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1112 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1113 *servicing on said date of passage*):

1114 Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance
1115 with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license shall serve
1116 as notification of change of address for voter registration for the person
1117 unless the person states on the form that the change of address is not
1118 for voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
1119 shall forthwith transmit such change of address information to the
1120 [registrars] registrar of voters of the town of the former address of the
1121 person. If the name of the person appears on the registry list of the
1122 town, and if the new address is also within such town, the [registrars]
1123 registrar shall enter the name of such elector on the registry list at the
1124 place where he then resides. If the name of the person appears on the
1125 registry list of the town and if the new address is outside such town,
1126 the [registrars] registrar shall remove the name of such elector from the
1127 registry list and send the elector the notice, information and
1128 application required by section 9-35, as amended by this act.

1129 Sec. 42. Subsections (c) to (j), inclusive, of section 9-19j of the general
1130 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1131 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
1132 *of any registrar of voters servicing on said date of passage*):

1133 (c) (1) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall designate a location
1134 for the completion and processing of election day registration
1135 applications on election day, provided [the registrars of voters have]
1136 such registrar has access to the state-wide centralized voter registration
1137 system from such location.

1138 (2) The [registrars] registrar of voters may appoint one or more
1139 election officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such
1140 election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to [the registrars
1141 of voters. The registrars of voters] the registrar. Such registrar shall
1142 supervise such election officials and train such election officials to be
1143 election day registration election officials.

1144 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
1145 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
1146 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, as
1147 amended by this act, provided (1) on election day, the applicant shall
1148 appear in person at the location designated by the [registrars] registrar
1149 of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student
1150 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current
1151 photo identification card issued by said institution in lieu of the
1152 identification required by section 9-20, as amended by this act, and (3)
1153 the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not
1154 previously voted in the election. If the information that the applicant is
1155 required to provide under section 9-20, as amended by this act, and
1156 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of
1157 the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also submit
1158 identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence address,
1159 including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under section
1160 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current address
1161 and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after the
1162 election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher
1163 education, a registration or fee statement from such institution that has
1164 the applicant's name and current address.

1165 (e) If the [registrars of voters determine] registrar of voters
1166 determines that an applicant satisfies the application requirements set
1167 forth in subsection (d) of this section, [the registrars of voters] such
1168 registrar shall check the state-wide centralized voter registration
1169 system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

1170 (1) If the [registrars of voters determine] registrar of voters
1171 determines that the applicant is not already an elector, [the registrars
1172 of voters] such registrar shall admit the applicant as an elector and the
1173 privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

1174 (2) If the [registrars of voters determine] registrar of voters
1175 determines that such applicant is an elector in another municipality
1176 and such applicant states that he or she wants to change the
1177 municipality in which the applicant is an elector, notwithstanding the
1178 provisions of section 9-21, as amended by this act, the [registrars]
1179 registrar of voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks
1180 to register shall immediately notify the [registrars] registrar of voters
1181 in such other municipality that such elector is changing the
1182 municipality in which the applicant is an elector. The [registrars]
1183 registrar of voters in such other municipality shall notify the election
1184 officials in such municipality to remove such elector from the official
1185 voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall cross
1186 through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
1187 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

1188 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
1189 municipality, the [registrars] registrar of voters of such other
1190 municipality shall immediately notify the [registrars] registrar of
1191 voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register.
1192 In such event, such elector shall not receive an election day registration
1193 ballot from the [registrars] registrar of voters of the municipality in
1194 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the
1195 election day registration process shall cease in the municipality in
1196 which such elector now seeks to register and such matter shall be

1197 reviewed by the [registrars] registrar of voters in the municipality in
1198 which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
1199 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall
1200 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which
1201 shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

1202 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
1203 other municipality, the [registrars] registrar of voters of the
1204 municipality in which the applicant seeks to register shall admit the
1205 applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach
1206 immediately.

1207 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the [registrars] registrar
1208 of voters shall provide the elector with an election day registration
1209 ballot and election day registration envelope and shall make a record
1210 of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted
1211 upon the back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot
1212 and shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously
1213 voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially
1214 as follows and signed by the voter:

1215 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
1216 of false statement, (perjury) that:

- 1217 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 1218 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
1219 indicated.
- 1220 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
1221 complete.
- 1222 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the [registrars] registrar
1223 of voters.
- 1224 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
1225 address to the [registrars] registrar of voters and hereby request

1226 cancellation of such prior registration.

1227 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not
1228 vote otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

1229 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
1230 and received an election day registration ballot.

1231 (Signature of voter)

1232 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
1233 ballot in the presence of the [registrars] registrar of voters in such a
1234 manner that [the registrars of voters] such registrar shall not know
1235 how the election day registration ballot is marked. The elector shall
1236 place the election day registration ballot in the election day registration
1237 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
1238 election day registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time
1239 designated by the [registrars] registrar of voters and noticed to election
1240 officials, [the registrars of voters] such registrar shall transport such
1241 receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the area,
1242 either district or central, where absentee ballots are counted and such
1243 election day registration ballots shall be counted by the election
1244 officials present at such location. A section of the head moderator's
1245 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots
1246 received from electors. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall seal a
1247 copy of the vote tally for election day registration ballots in a
1248 depository envelope with the election day registration ballots and store
1249 such election day registration depository envelope with the other
1250 election results materials. The election day registration depository
1251 envelope shall be preserved by the [registrars] registrar of voters for
1252 the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

1253 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
1254 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
1255 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,
1256 control and counting of election day registration ballots under

1257 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

1258 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
1259 [registrars] registrar of voters shall forthwith send a registration
1260 confirmation notice to the residential address of each applicant who is
1261 admitted as an elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i),
1262 inclusive, of this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class
1263 mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not
1264 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
1265 notice is returned undelivered, the [registrars] registrar shall forthwith
1266 take the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35, as amended
1267 by this act, or 9-43, as amended by this act, as applicable,
1268 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35, as amended by
1269 this act.

1270 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
1271 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
1272 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
1273 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
1274 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
1275 use as an entry to the [registrars'] registrar's of voters designated
1276 location for election day registration balloting or in any corridor,
1277 passageway or other approach leading from any such outside entrance
1278 to such [registrars' of voters] registrar's designated location or in any
1279 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

1280 Sec. 43. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 9-19k of the
1281 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1282 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
1283 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1284 (d) In order for an applicant's registration or change in registration
1285 to be approved, the applicant shall mark the box associated with the
1286 following statement included as part of the online application:

1287 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following

1288 under penalty of perjury:

1289 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is
1290 provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in the State of
1291 Connecticut.

1292 (2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and
1293 correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

1294 (3) I authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles or other
1295 Connecticut state agency to transmit to the Connecticut Secretary of
1296 the State or my town's [registrars] registrar of voters my signature that
1297 is on file with such agency and understand that such signature will be
1298 used by the Secretary of the State or my town's [registrars] registrar of
1299 voters on this online application for admission as an elector as if I had
1300 signed this form personally."

1301 (e) Upon approval of such application, the [registrars] registrar of
1302 voters shall send a notice of approval pursuant to section 9-19b, as
1303 amended by this act, to the applicant.

1304 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
1305 section after the fourteenth day before an election or after the fifth day
1306 before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the
1307 day after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event,
1308 the [registrars] registrar of voters may contact such applicant, either by
1309 telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of
1310 such late received application and any applicable deadline for
1311 applying for admission in person.

1312 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the registrar of voters or
1313 any election official appointed by such registrar of voters to admit any
1314 applicant as an elector from utilizing the online voter registration
1315 system established pursuant to this section for the purpose of
1316 admitting such applicant on election day pursuant to section 9-19j, as
1317 amended by this act.

1318 Sec. 44. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-20 of the general statutes
1319 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1320 *from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
1321 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1322 (b) The applicant's statement shall be delivered to the [registrars]
1323 registrar of voters immediately and shall be kept by [the registrars]
1324 such registrar as a public record in a safe depository, except that no
1325 Social Security number obtained by the [registrars] registrar prior to
1326 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental
1327 agency. Any such statement of an elector whose name has been
1328 removed from the registry list for a period of at least five years may be
1329 placed on microfilm, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by [such
1330 registrars] the registrar of voters, in the manner provided in section 7-
1331 109. Upon the request of any elector, or if the applicant does not
1332 present a birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card as
1333 required by subsection (a) of this section, at the time an application is
1334 made in person to an admitting official or prior to the approval of such
1335 an application, any admitting official shall require the applicant to
1336 prove his identity, place of birth, age and bona fide residence by the
1337 testimony under oath of at least one elector or by the presentation of
1338 proof satisfactory to such admitting official. Each person found
1339 qualified shall thereupon be admitted as an elector, except as provided
1340 in sections 9-12, 9-19e, 9-19g, as amended by this act, and 9-30. The
1341 [registrars] registrar of voters may request an elector whose date of
1342 birth is missing from their records to voluntarily furnish his date of
1343 birth. Any admitting official may administer oaths in any matter
1344 coming before him under section 9-12, as amended by this act, 9-17, as
1345 amended by this act, 9-19b, as amended by this act, subsection (a) of
1346 section 9-19c, section 9-19e, as amended by this act, 9-19g as amended
1347 by this act, 9-23, as amended by this act, 9-23a, 9-25, as amended by
1348 this act, 9-31a, as amended by this act, 9-31b, as amended by this act, 9-
1349 31l, as amended by this act, 9-40a, as amended by this act, or this
1350 section. Said admitting official shall prohibit any activity which

1351 interferes with the orderly process of admission of electors.

1352 (c) The application for admission as an elector shall include a
1353 statement that (1) specifies each eligibility requirement, (2) contains an
1354 attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (3)
1355 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. Each
1356 registrar of voters and town clerk shall maintain a copy of such
1357 statement in braille, large print and audio form. The Department of
1358 Rehabilitation Services shall produce a videotape presenting such
1359 statement in voice and sign language and provide the videotape to the
1360 Secretary of the State who shall make copies of the videotape and
1361 provide a copy to the [registrars] registrar of voters of any
1362 municipality, upon request and at a cost equal to the cost of making
1363 the copy. If a person applies for admission as an elector in person to an
1364 admitting official, such admitting official shall, upon the request of the
1365 applicant, administer the elector's oath.

1366 Sec. 45. Section 9-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1367 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1368 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1369 *serving on said date of passage*):

1370 (a) If any applicant for admission as an elector in any town has
1371 previously been admitted as an elector in any other town in this state,
1372 or in any other state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
1373 Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam or the Trust
1374 Territory of the Pacific Islands, he shall, under penalties of perjury, so
1375 declare, and shall also declare by what name and in what town and
1376 state, district or territory he was last admitted as an elector and the
1377 street address from which he last voted therein. The admitting official
1378 shall within forty-eight hours thereafter transmit a notice of
1379 cancellation of such registration, upon a form prescribed by the
1380 Secretary of the State to the [registrars] registrar of voters of such other
1381 town or, in the case of a town in another state, district or territory, to
1382 the appropriate registration official or officials in such other town.

1383 Upon receipt of such notice of cancellation of registration, the
1384 [registrars] the registrar of voters of the town from which such elector
1385 has removed shall forthwith erase the name of such elector from the
1386 registry list of the town, if the same has not been erased therefrom.

1387 (b) When the Secretary of the State receives information from a
1388 registration official of another state, the District of Columbia, the
1389 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands,
1390 Guam or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that an elector of this
1391 state has registered in such other state, district or territory, the
1392 Secretary of the State may transmit a notification of such registration to
1393 the [registrars] registrar of voters of the town where such individual
1394 may be an elector in this state. If [the registrars determine] such
1395 registrar determines that the individual identified in the notice is an
1396 elector in this state, [the registrars] such registrar shall remove the
1397 name of such elector from the registry list.

1398 Sec. 46. Section 9-21a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1399 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1400 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1401 *serving on said date of passage*):

1402 (a) The Secretary of the State, at such times as the Secretary
1403 determines, may cause a search to be made of computerized voter
1404 registration records to identify electors who may be registered in more
1405 than one town. The Secretary may compile, from such search, a list of
1406 possible duplicate registrations in any town or towns and transmit
1407 such list to the registrar or registrars of voters of the appropriate town
1408 or towns.

1409 (b) Upon receipt of such list from the Secretary, the [registrars]
1410 registrar of voters of a town may make such additional investigation as
1411 [they deem] he or she deems necessary to determine if any elector in
1412 [their] such town whose name appears on such list was previously
1413 registered in another town. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall

1414 send to each elector on the registry list in [their] the registrar's town,
1415 [who] whom the [registrars of voters determine] registrar determines
1416 to be the same person who was previously registered in another town,
1417 a notice of duplicate registration in a form prescribed by the Secretary
1418 of the State stating that (1) based on a computer search of voter
1419 registration records it appears that the elector may have been
1420 registered to vote in another town before registering in the [registrars']
1421 registrar's town, (2) as the result of such previous registration, the
1422 elector is no longer entitled to remain on the registry list in the
1423 previous town, and (3) unless the elector contacts the [registrars]
1424 registrar of voters within thirty days to confirm that the elector is still
1425 entitled to be on the registry list in the previous town, the elector's
1426 name shall be removed from the list. The notice of duplicate
1427 registration shall include a form on which the elector may confirm that
1428 the elector is entitled to be on an active registry list because the elector
1429 is a bona fide resident of the [registrars'] registrar's town and either is
1430 not the person whose name appears on the registry list of another
1431 town, or has registered in [the registrars'] such registrar's town after
1432 registering in any other town.

1433 (c) When an elector whose name appears on the inactive list files the
1434 confirmation provided for in this section, the elector's name shall be
1435 restored to the active list. No elector shall be removed from the registry
1436 list pursuant to this section unless [both registrars of voters agree] the
1437 registrar of voters determines that such elector has subsequently
1438 registered to vote in another town.

1439 Sec. 47. Section 9-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1440 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1441 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1442 *servoing on said date of passage*):

1443 (a) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall post, at the town hall or
1444 municipal building in the town in which they serve, the hours [they
1445 are] he or she is available to the public. Any change in the regular

1446 business hours of the office of the [registrars] registrar of voters, and
1447 any hours for said office required under the general statutes for a
1448 specific day, shall be posted at least ten days before such change or
1449 day.

1450 (b) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall enter the name,
1451 residence, date of birth and date of admission of each person admitted
1452 as an elector in the records of the [registrars'] registrar's office, which
1453 shall be prima facie evidence that each such person possesses the
1454 requisite qualifications of an elector. The [registrars] registrar shall also
1455 enter such voter information in the state-wide centralized voter
1456 registration system and shall maintain such voter information for
1457 active electors in a fire-proof cabinet in the [registrars'] office. The
1458 [registrars] registrar's office. The registrar shall file monthly in the office
1459 of the town clerk an updated list of active electors in the town.

1460 Sec. 48. Subsections (a) to (f), inclusive, of section 9-23g of the
1461 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1462 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
1463 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1464 (a) In addition to the procedures for admission of electors under
1465 sections 9-19b, as amended by this act, 9-19c, as amended by this act, 9-
1466 19e, as amended by this act, 9-20, as amended by this act, and 9-31, any
1467 person may apply to [a] the registrar of voters of the town of his
1468 residence for admission as an elector in accordance with the provisions
1469 of this section and section 9-23h, as amended by this act.

1470 (b) The Secretary of the State shall prescribe, and provide to
1471 registrars of voters, town clerks and voter registration agencies, as
1472 defined in section 9-23n, as amended by this act, application forms and
1473 other materials necessary to complete such application and admission
1474 process. The Secretary of the State, registrars of voters and town clerks
1475 shall provide a reasonable number of such forms and materials to any
1476 elector who requests such forms and materials. The secretary shall

1477 also, in the course of the secretary's elections duties, prepare
1478 instructions and related materials describing procedures for such
1479 application and admission process and shall provide the materials to
1480 registrars of voters and town clerks. The application shall contain the
1481 information required under section 9-23h, as amended by this act. All
1482 statements of the applicant shall be made under the penalties of
1483 perjury. The application for admission as an elector shall include a
1484 statement that (1) specifies each eligibility requirement, (2) contains an
1485 attestation that the application meets each such requirement, and (3)
1486 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.
1487 Nothing in this section or section 9-23h, as amended by this act, shall
1488 require that the application be executed in the state. An applicant who
1489 is unable to write may cause the applicant's name to be signed on the
1490 application form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space
1491 provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed
1492 by the word "by" and the agent's own signature. The completed
1493 application may be mailed or returned in person to the office of the
1494 [registrars] registrar of voters or the office of the town clerk of the
1495 applicant's town of residence or a voter registration agency. If the
1496 applicant entrusts the applicant's application to another person or to
1497 such a voter registration agency for mailing or return to the [registrars]
1498 registrar of voters, such person or agency shall immediately mail or
1499 return the application. Any such voter registration agency shall also
1500 provide the applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency
1501 shall record (A) the date that the agency received the application,
1502 using an official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (B)
1503 the party affiliation, if any, of the applicant. The agency shall provide
1504 such receipt whether the application was submitted in person or by
1505 mail. The town clerk shall promptly forward any application which the
1506 town clerk receives to the [registrars] registrar of voters. Such
1507 application form shall be provided by or authorized by the Secretary of
1508 the State.

1509 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office

1510 of the [registrars] registrar of voters, the registrar shall mark such date
1511 on the application and review the application to determine whether
1512 the applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to
1513 register. Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1)
1514 indicate on the application whether the application has been accepted
1515 or rejected, (2) mail a notice to the applicant, and (3) indicate on the
1516 application the date on which such notice is mailed, [, and (4) provide
1517 a copy of such notice to the other registrar.] If the registrar determines
1518 that the applicant has not properly completed the application or is not
1519 legally qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the
1520 application has been rejected and shall state [the] any reason for
1521 rejection. If the registrar determines that the applicant has properly
1522 completed the application and is legally qualified to register, the notice
1523 shall indicate that the application has been accepted. A notice of
1524 acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be sent (A) within four days of
1525 receipt of an application during the period beginning on the forty-
1526 ninth day before an election and ending on the twenty-first day before
1527 such election, (B) on the day of receipt of an application if it is received
1528 (i) during the period beginning on the twentieth day before such
1529 election and ending on the [fourteenth] seventh day before such
1530 election, (ii) during the period beginning on the [thirteenth] sixth day
1531 before an election and ending on election day if the application has
1532 been received by the [fourteenth] seventh day before an election by the
1533 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, (iii)
1534 during the period beginning on the twenty-first day before a primary
1535 and ending on the fifth day before a primary, or (iv) during the period
1536 beginning on the fourth day before a primary and ending at twelve
1537 o'clock noon on the last weekday before a primary, if the application
1538 has been postmarked by the fifth day before the primary and is
1539 received in the office of the [registrars] registrar of voters during such
1540 period or if the application is received by the fifth day before a primary
1541 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration
1542 agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an application at any
1543 other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail with

1544 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
1545 address shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall indicate
1546 the effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment, the
1547 date of the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the
1548 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and
1549 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned
1550 undelivered, the [registrars] registrar shall forthwith take the necessary
1551 action in accordance with section 9-35, as amended by this act, or 9-43,
1552 as amended by this act, notwithstanding the May first deadline in
1553 section 9-35, as amended by this act. An applicant for admission as an
1554 elector pursuant to this section and section 9-23h, as amended by this
1555 act, may only be admitted as an elector by [a] the registrar of voters of
1556 the town of his residence. Not later than December thirty-first,
1557 annually, the Secretary of the State shall establish an official calendar
1558 of all deadlines set forth in this subsection for regularly scheduled
1559 elections and primaries to be held in the following calendar year.

1560 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
1561 privileges of an elector for any applicant for admission under this
1562 section and section 9-23h, as amended by this act, shall attach
1563 immediately upon approval by the registrar, and the [registrars]
1564 registrar shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

1565 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a
1566 mailed application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is
1567 received in the office of the [registrars] registrar of voters, after the
1568 [fourteenth] seventh day before an election or after the fifth day before
1569 a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day
1570 after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the
1571 [registrars] registrar of voters may contact such applicant, either by
1572 telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of
1573 such late received mail-in application and any applicable deadline for
1574 applying for admission in person.

1575 (3) If an application is received after the [fourteenth] seventh day

1576 before an election or after the fifth day before a primary by the
1577 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, the
1578 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
1579 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
1580 whichever is later.

1581 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
1582 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
1583 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received
1584 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously
1585 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, as amended by
1586 this act, subsection (b) of section 9-19h, as amended by this act,
1587 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n, as amended by this act. If
1588 an applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the [registrars of
1589 voters find] registrar of voters finds the original application or the
1590 applicant submits a new application at the polls, the registrar, or
1591 assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the registrar, shall
1592 add such person's name and address to the official check list on such
1593 day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote
1594 and the person presents to the checkers at the polling place a
1595 preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
1596 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this
1597 act.

1598 (e) A registration application filed under this section shall be
1599 rejected if the application (1) has not been signed or dated by the
1600 applicant or the authorized agent of the applicant pursuant to
1601 subsection (b) of this section, (2) does not indicate the applicant's date
1602 of birth or bona fide residence, (3) does not indicate United States
1603 citizenship, provided the [registrars of voters have] registrar of voters
1604 has contacted such applicant to provide an opportunity to answer such
1605 question, or (4) is determined by the Secretary of the State to be
1606 substantially defective. No registration application filed under this
1607 section shall be rejected if the application fails to provide the
1608 applicant's Social Security number or the zip code of the applicant's

1609 bona fide residence.

1610 (f) Upon admission of an applicant under subsection (d) of this
1611 section, who indicated on his registration application that he changed
1612 residence since voting last in Connecticut, the registrar of voters of the
1613 town of such applicant's current residence shall notify the registrar of
1614 any other town who accepted the voter's last registration [, and the
1615 registrar in the voter's place of last residence, if different] and the
1616 registrar of the town of the voter's last residence, if different.
1617 Notification shall be made upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
1618 the State. A registrar receiving such a notification shall delete the
1619 elector's name from the registry list.

1620 Sec. 49. Section 9-23h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1621 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1622 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1623 *servoing on said date of passage*):

1624 The application provided for in section 9-23g, as amended by this
1625 act, shall provide spaces for the following information for each
1626 applicant: (1) Name, (2) bona fide residence, including street number,
1627 street address, apartment number if applicable, town and zip code, (3)
1628 telephone number, (4) date of birth, (5) whether the applicant is
1629 registered as an elector in any other town in the state of Connecticut or
1630 in any other state, and if so, the applicant's last previous voting
1631 residence, (6) whether the applicant is a United States citizen, (7)
1632 whether the applicant will be eighteen years of age on or before
1633 election day, (8) party affiliation, if any, (9) the applicant's signature
1634 and date of signature, and (10) the applicant's Connecticut motor
1635 vehicle operator's license number or, if none, the last four digits of the
1636 applicant's Social Security number. The spaces for the applicant's
1637 telephone number and party affiliation shall indicate that such
1638 information does not have to be provided. On any such application
1639 printed on or after January 1, 2006, the space for the applicant's party
1640 affiliation shall also include a list of the names of the major parties, as

1641 defined in section 9-372, as amended by this act, as options for the
1642 applicant. The spaces regarding United States citizenship and whether
1643 the applicant will be eighteen years of age on or before election day
1644 shall indicate that if the applicant answers "No" to either question, the
1645 applicant may not complete the voter registration form. No Social
1646 Security number on any such form filed prior to January 1, 2000, may
1647 be disclosed to the public or to any governmental agency. The
1648 application shall contain a notice that if the applicant does not receive
1649 a notice of acceptance or rejection of the application from the office of
1650 the [registrars] registrar of voters for the municipality in which the
1651 applicant resides, the applicant should contact said office. The
1652 application shall also contain any other information, questions or
1653 instructions prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

1654 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is
1655 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1656 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
1657 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1658 (b) Voter registration agencies shall (1) distribute mail voter
1659 registration application forms, (2) assist applicants for such assistance
1660 or services in completing voter registration application forms, except
1661 for applicants who refuse such assistance, (3) accept completed voter
1662 registration application forms and provide each applicant with an
1663 application receipt, on which the agency shall record the date that the
1664 agency received the application, using an official date stamp bearing
1665 the name of the agency, and (4) immediately transmit all such
1666 applications to the [registrars] registrar of voters of the town of voting
1667 residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt
1668 whether the application was submitted in person or by mail. If a
1669 registration application is accepted within five days before the last day
1670 for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be
1671 transmitted to the [registrars] registrar of voters of the town of voting
1672 residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date of
1673 acceptance. The voter registration agency shall indicate on the

1674 completed mail voter registration application form, without indicating
1675 the identity of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance
1676 by such agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to
1677 vote in an election if it is received by the registration agency by the last
1678 day for registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program
1679 primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities
1680 provides services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the
1681 agency shall provide such voter registration services at the person's
1682 home. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-
1683 23g, as amended by this act, that are not inconsistent with the National
1684 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
1685 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. Officials and
1686 employees of such voter registration agencies are not admitting
1687 officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may not restore, under the
1688 provisions of section 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges
1689 of persons convicted of a felony.

1690 Sec. 51. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-23r of the general
1691 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1692 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
1693 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

1694 (b) If an individual submits such information pursuant to this
1695 section as part of the individual's voter registration application and,
1696 with respect to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section,
1697 the [registrars of voters are] registrar of voters is able to match the
1698 information submitted with an existing Connecticut identification
1699 record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided,
1700 such individual shall not be required to produce identification when
1701 voting in person or by absentee ballot and may sign a statement as
1702 described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
1703 section 9-261, as amended by this act, in lieu of presenting
1704 identification when voting in person.

1705 (c) Any additional documentation submitted as part of the voter

1706 registration application pursuant to this section may be destroyed by
1707 the [registrars] registrar of voters after verification pursuant to the
1708 Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time.

1709 Sec. 52. Section 9-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1710 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1711 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1712 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1713 The town clerk or assistant town clerk or [either] the registrar of
1714 voters or deputy or assistant registrar, on any week day and at any
1715 time before five o'clock p.m. on the last week day before any regular
1716 election, when requested in writing by any member of the armed
1717 forces desiring to be made an elector, or by any former member of the
1718 armed forces discharged therefrom within the calendar year
1719 immediately preceding such request, may forthwith examine the
1720 qualifications of such person and admit him to the elector's oath if he is
1721 qualified.

1722 Sec. 53. Section 9-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1724 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1725 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1726 [Either] The registrar of any town may, in writing, direct the town
1727 clerk to mail a copy of the form prescribed in section 9-26, with an
1728 envelope for its return, to the last-known address of any person who,
1729 in the opinion of such registrar possesses the qualifications required of
1730 an applicant for admission as an elector under the provisions of section
1731 9-26, and the town clerk shall forthwith comply with such direction.
1732 Upon request to the town clerk by any person, a copy of such form,
1733 with an envelope for its return, shall be mailed by the town clerk to
1734 any member of the armed forces, of the merchant marine or of any
1735 religious or welfare group or agency attached to and serving with the
1736 armed forces or any civilian employee of the United States employed

1737 outside of this state or to the spouse or a dependent of any of such
1738 persons or to any person temporarily residing outside the territorial
1739 limits of the several states of the United States and the District of
1740 Columbia, or it may be delivered in person if so requested.

1741 Sec. 54. Section 9-31a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1743 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1744 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1745 (a) As used in this section and section 9-31b, as amended by this act,
1746 "permanently physically disabled person" means a person who, by
1747 reason of a major defect or infirmity of body, whether congenital or
1748 acquired by accident, injury or disease, is permanently physically
1749 incapacitated to a degree that prevents him and will continue to
1750 prevent him from appearing in person at the office of the town clerk or
1751 [registrars] the registrar of voters of the town where he temporarily or
1752 permanently resides.

1753 (b) Any permanently physically disabled person may, in the manner
1754 prescribed under this section and upon a form as prescribed under
1755 section 9-31b, as amended by this act, apply to the town clerk or
1756 [either] the registrar of voters of such town for examination and
1757 admission as an elector of any Connecticut town. (1) In the case of a
1758 permanently physically disabled person whose qualifications as to age,
1759 citizenship or residence in such town are attained on or before the last
1760 session for admission of electors prior to an election to be held in the
1761 town, the application shall be submitted so that it will be received by
1762 such town clerk or [either] registrar of voters not later than such last
1763 session. Upon receipt of the application, the town clerk or [either] the
1764 registrar of voters shall notify the applicant of the day, and the hour,
1765 such day to be within ten days of the receipt of the application, at
1766 which an admitting official shall meet with the applicant at the
1767 temporary or permanent residence of the applicant. (2) In the case of a
1768 permanently physically disabled person whose qualifications as to age,

1769 citizenship or residence in such town are attained after the last session
1770 for admission of electors prior to an election to be held in the town, the
1771 application shall be submitted so that it will be received by such town
1772 clerk or [either] registrar of voters not later than the opening of the
1773 limited session for the admission of electors held, under section 9-17,
1774 on the last weekday prior to the election. Upon receipt of the
1775 application, the town clerk or [either] the registrar of voters shall notify
1776 the applicant of the day, and the hour, such day and hour to be not
1777 later than 5:00 p.m. on the last weekday before the election, at which
1778 an admitting official shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or
1779 permanent residence of the applicant.

1780 (c) Such admitting official shall meet at the appointed time with the
1781 applicant for the purpose of examining his qualifications as an elector
1782 and for the purpose of admitting him as an elector if the applicant is
1783 found qualified. Such official shall make available to the applicant at
1784 such time, upon request, a copy of the statement that specifies each
1785 eligibility requirement and contains an attestation that the applicant
1786 meets each such requirement (1) in video form in accordance with
1787 procedures established by the [registrars] registrar of voters and (2) in
1788 braille, large print and audio form. Such official shall provide the
1789 applicant with a written notice of approval or disapproval at that time,
1790 except as otherwise provided in section 9-19e, as amended by this act.
1791 Any person making application for registration under this section shall
1792 be entitled to the privileges of an elector and party enrollment, if
1793 applicable, from the time such application for admission as an elector
1794 is approved by the town clerk or [registrars] the registrar of voters of
1795 his voting residence.

1796 Sec. 55. Section 9-31b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1797 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1798 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1799 *servoing on said date of passage*):

1800 Such application shall be in form substantially as follows:

1801 APPLICATION OF PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY DISABLED
1802 PERSON FOR ADMISSION AS AN ELECTOR

1803 To the Town Clerk of the town of or to the registrar of voters [of the
1804 Party] of the town of I hereby apply for admission as an elector:

1805 (1) My name is (last name) (first name) (initial).

1806 (2) My bona fide residence is (street and number), but I am
1807 presently residing at (street, number and town if different from
1808 residence above).

1809 (3) I am a permanently physically disabled person and my
1810 permanent physical disability prevents me and will continue to
1811 prevent me from appearing in person at your office.

1812 (4) I am a United States Citizen who has attained the age of eighteen
1813 and my electoral privileges are not forfeited by reason of conviction of
1814 any disfranchising crime.

1815 Dated at, Connecticut, this day of, 20...

1816 (Signature of Applicant)

1817 Sec. 56. Section 9-31d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1818 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1819 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1820 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1821 The form of application provided for in section 9-31a, as amended
1822 by this act, shall be provided by the town clerk or [either] the registrar
1823 of voters of the town in which the individual desiring to make
1824 application resides.

1825 Sec. 57. Section 9-31l of the general statutes is repealed and the
1826 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1827 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*

1828 *servicing on said date of passage):*

1829 (a) (1) A person who is denied admission as an elector may appeal a
1830 decision of an admitting official of a town concerning the right of such
1831 person to be or remain an elector. Any such appeal shall be made to
1832 the [registrars] registrar of voters of such town, except that if the
1833 admitting official who made such decision is [a] such registrar of
1834 voters, the appeal shall be made to the board for admission of electors
1835 of such town.

1836 (2) Notice of an appeal shall be in writing and delivered to the
1837 [registrars] registrar of voters or to the board for admission of electors.
1838 Within seven days after receipt of a notice of appeal, [the registrars or
1839 the] such registrar or board, as the case may be, shall give written
1840 notice of the time and place where such appeal will be heard to the
1841 appellant and to the admitting official whose decision is the subject of
1842 the appeal. Such appeal shall be heard within twenty-one days after
1843 notice of the appeal is delivered to the [registrars] registrar or the
1844 board. Neither a registrar whose decision is the subject of the appeal
1845 nor a registrar who is an appellant shall be a voting member of the
1846 board which hears the appeal.

1847 (3) The [registrars] registrar or the board may receive sworn
1848 testimony and any other evidence relating to the qualifications of such
1849 person to be or remain an elector.

1850 (4) Within seven days after hearing an appeal, the [registrars]
1851 registrar or the board shall render a decision and shall send written
1852 notice of the decision to the appellant and the admitting official whose
1853 decision was the subject of the appeal.

1854 (b) (1) The person whose right to be or remain an elector is in
1855 dispute may appeal the decision of the [registrars] registrar of voters or
1856 the board for the admission of electors under subsection (a) of this
1857 section to the State Elections Enforcement Commission. If an appeal is
1858 not made to the commission as provided in this subsection, the

1859 decision of [the registrars or the] such registrar or board shall be final.

1860 (2) Any such appeal shall be in writing and filed with the State
1861 Elections Enforcement Commission at its principal offices not later
1862 than fourteen days following the decision of the [registrars] registrar or
1863 the board. A copy of any such notice of appeal shall also be delivered
1864 within such time to the [registrars] registrar or the board that rendered
1865 the decision under subsection (a) of this section.

1866 (3) The [registrars] registrar or the board shall, not later than ten
1867 days after receipt of a copy of the notice of appeal, deliver the record of
1868 the hearing of [the registrars] such registrar or board under subsection
1869 (a) of this section to the commission.

1870 (4) The commission shall hear such appeal not later than twenty-one
1871 days after notice of appeal is filed with the commission. Such hearing
1872 shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-176e
1873 to 4-180a, inclusive, and section 4-181a. The commission may consider
1874 the record of the hearing delivered by the [registrars] registrar or the
1875 board and may examine witnesses, documents and any other evidence
1876 that it determines may have a bearing on the proper determination of
1877 the issues brought on appeal. The commission's hearing shall be
1878 recorded.

1879 (5) The commission shall render its decision not later than sixty days
1880 after the close of its hearing, except that an extension of time may be
1881 granted by the commission upon application of any party that sets
1882 forth circumstances that the commission determines is appropriate to
1883 granting an extension of time. The commission may also initiate an
1884 extension of time for rendering its decision, after written notice to the
1885 parties, provided all of the parties before the commission give their
1886 prior written consent.

1887 (6) The decision of the commission shall determine the person's
1888 right to be or remain an elector. If any such decision is adverse to such
1889 individual's right, the commission shall order [both registrars] the

1890 registrar to remove the elector's name from the town's active and
1891 inactive registry list and any enrollment list. Any person whose name
1892 has been so removed may reapply for admission as an elector with the
1893 [registrars] registrar of voters of the same town at any time. If such
1894 application is made within four years after the commission's decision,
1895 [both registrars] the registrar may approve such application only after
1896 [they find] he or she finds that there has been a substantial change in
1897 the circumstances that provided the basis for the commission's
1898 decision and that the individual is eligible to be an elector. [Registrars
1899 who approve] Any registrar who approves an individual's application
1900 for admission within this time period without a substantial change in
1901 circumstances may be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the
1902 commission in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
1903 section 9-7b, as amended by this act, if the commission determines,
1904 following a written complaint filed with the commission pursuant to
1905 said section 9-7b, that the [registrars'] registrar's action was without
1906 good cause and constitutes a wilful violation of a prior order of the
1907 commission.

1908 Sec. 58. Section 9-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1909 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1910 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1911 *servng on said date of passage*):

1912 (a) In each municipality the [registrars] registrar of voters, between
1913 January first and May first, annually, shall cause either (1) a complete
1914 house to house canvass to be made in person of each residence on each
1915 street, avenue or road within such municipality, (2) a complete canvass
1916 to be made by mail of each residence located on each street, avenue or
1917 road within such municipality, provided [, upon agreement of both
1918 registrars,] the National Change of Address System of the United
1919 States Postal Service may be used instead of such mailing, (3) a
1920 complete canvass to be made by telephone of each residence located on
1921 each street, avenue or road within such municipality, or (4) a complete
1922 canvass of each residence within such municipality by any

1923 combination of such methods, for the purpose of ascertaining the name
1924 of any elector formerly residing on such street, avenue or road who
1925 has removed therefrom; provided in the odd-numbered years, no
1926 canvass need be conducted by the [registrars] registrar of voters in a
1927 town which holds its regular municipal election on the first Monday of
1928 May in odd-numbered years. The Secretary of the State shall adopt
1929 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 setting
1930 forth the procedure to be followed in conducting any such canvass by
1931 either mail or telephone.

1932 (b) No elector's name shall be removed from the registry list,
1933 pursuant to section 9-35, as amended by this act, unless (1) the elector
1934 confirms in writing that the elector has moved out of the municipality,
1935 or (2) the elector has been sent, by forwardable mail, a notice and a
1936 postage prepaid preaddressed return card in accordance with the
1937 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from
1938 time to time, four years prior to removal from the registry list and such
1939 elector has failed to respond and has not restored the elector's name to
1940 the active registry list under section 9-42, as amended by this act, or
1941 voted in an election or primary in the municipality during the period
1942 beginning on the date of the notice and ending four years later. [If a
1943 registrar or a registrar's designee] If the registrar of voters or any
1944 designee of the registrar conducts a telephone canvass, a telephone call
1945 by any such person shall constitute an attempt to contact the elector
1946 only if the elector's household has a published telephone number and
1947 the telephone is in operating order. [If a registrar, or a registrar's
1948 designee, during a telephone canvass] If the registrar of voters or any
1949 designee thereof, during a telephone canvass, contacts a
1950 telecommunication device for the deaf in an elector's household, such
1951 call shall not constitute an attempt to contact the elector unless [the
1952 registrar, or the registrar's designee,] such registrar or designee uses a
1953 similar device or uses a message relay center. No elector's name shall
1954 be removed from the active registry list pursuant to said section 9-35,
1955 as amended by this act, as a result of information obtained during a

1956 telephone canvass, unless the registrar of voters believes such
1957 information is reliable and sufficient to enable [the] such registrar to
1958 determine if the elector is entitled to remain on the list under the
1959 provisions of this chapter.

1960 (c) During any such canvass, a canvasser may distribute
1961 nonpartisan literature, prescribed by the Secretary of the State, which
1962 describes opportunities for voter registration. No Social Security
1963 number obtained by the [registrars] registrar of voters during the
1964 canvass prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to
1965 any governmental agency. Each municipality shall provide its
1966 [registrars] registrar of voters with funds sufficient to conduct the
1967 annual canvass in accordance with the requirements of this section.
1968 Not later than the thirtieth day following each regular election held in
1969 a municipality, the [registrars] registrar of voters of the municipality
1970 shall file with the Secretary of the State a certificate that the canvass
1971 was conducted prior to the election in accordance with the
1972 requirements of this section. The certificate shall be on a form
1973 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, shall specify the method or
1974 methods by which, and the date or dates on which, the canvass was
1975 conducted, and shall be signed under penalty of false statement by [all
1976 registrars] the registrar of voters of the municipality.

1977 Sec. 59. Section 9-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1978 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
1979 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
1980 *-serving on said date of passage*):

1981 (a) The [registrars] registrar of voters, on the Tuesday of the fifth
1982 week before each regular election, shall be in session for the purpose of
1983 completing a correct list of all electors who will be entitled to vote at
1984 such election. Such registry list shall consist of an active registry list
1985 and an inactive registry list. Such session shall be held during such
1986 hours between nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. as the [registrars
1987 find] registrar finds necessary to complete the list. Notice of such

1988 session shall be given at least five days before the session by
1989 publication in a newspaper having a circulation in such municipality,
1990 if any, and by posting on the signpost therein, if any, or at some other
1991 exterior place near the office of the town clerk. Such publication shall
1992 not be required to be in the form of a legal advertisement.

1993 (b) At such session and on any day except on the day of an election
1994 or primary, the [registrars] registrar shall remove from the list the
1995 name of each elector who has died, who has been disfranchised or who
1996 has confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the
1997 municipality, except electors entitled to remain on such list under the
1998 provisions of this chapter. An elector shall be deemed to have
1999 confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the
2000 municipality if (1) the elector has submitted a change of address form
2001 for purposes of a state motor vehicle operator's license, unless the
2002 elector states on the form that the change of address is not for voter
2003 registration purposes, (2) the elector has submitted a change of address
2004 form to a voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as
2005 amended by this act, and such agency has provided such change of
2006 address to the [registrars] registrar of voters, or (3) the [registrars of
2007 voters have] registrar of voters has received a cancellation of previous
2008 registration from any other election official indicating that such elector
2009 has registered as an elector outside such municipality.

2010 (c) Whenever the [registrars of voters of a town remove] registrar of
2011 voters of a town removes from the registry list the name of an elector
2012 who has submitted a change of address to the Commissioner of Motor
2013 Vehicles or a voter registration agency under subdivision (1) or (2) of
2014 subsection (b) of this section, indicating that the elector has moved out
2015 of such town, [the registrars] such registrar shall send the elector, by
2016 forwardable mail to the elector's former address from such list or
2017 current address in the new town, (1) a notice of removal, (2)
2018 information explaining how to have the elector's name restored to such
2019 list, which shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,
2020 and (3) a mail-in voter registration application which can be used by

2021 the elector to apply for admission as an elector in the new town. If such
2022 notice, information and application are sent to the elector's former
2023 address and are returned undeliverable, the [registrars] registrar shall
2024 mail such documents to the elector's address in the new town.

2025 (d) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall enter the names on such
2026 list by street and number of the house, when the houses are numbered,
2027 so that there shall be entered on the list first, the street, avenue or road;
2028 second, the number of the house or residence in numerical order or, if
2029 the [registrars of any town find] registrar of any town finds it more
2030 convenient, by odd and even numbers in numerical order; and third,
2031 the names of the electors in such house in alphabetical order. The
2032 names of any electors who cannot be so listed shall be listed
2033 alphabetically in the voting district wherein any such elector is a bona
2034 fide resident. The [registrars] registrar of voters may consecutively
2035 number the names on the registry list, may include voter identification
2036 numbers for the names on the registry list, and may include a mark, as
2037 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, next to the name of each first-
2038 time registrant on the system who registers to vote on or after January
2039 1, 2003, and does not provide identification with his or her mail-in
2040 voter registration application as provided in the Help America Vote
2041 Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, provided such list
2042 shall comply in all respects with the requirements of law other than for
2043 the addition of such numbers and marks. The [registrars] registrar
2044 shall not use Social Security numbers for any such voter identification
2045 numbers.

2046 (e) In any case in which the [registrars have] registrar of voters has
2047 obtained reliable information of an elector's change of address within
2048 the municipality, the [registrars] registrar shall enter the name of such
2049 elector on the registry list at the place where the elector then resides,
2050 provided, if such reliable information is the National Change of
2051 Address System of the United States Postal Service, the registrar shall
2052 change the registry list and send the elector a notice of the change by
2053 forwardable mail and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form by

2054 which the elector may verify or correct the address information. If
2055 during the canvass the [registrars determine] registrar determines that
2056 an elector has moved out of the municipality and such elector has not
2057 confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the
2058 municipality, the [registrars] registrar shall, not later than May first,
2059 send to the elector, by forwardable mail, a notice required by the
2060 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from
2061 time to time, together with a postage prepaid preaddressed return card
2062 on which the elector may state the elector's current address. In the year
2063 of a presidential preference primary, the [registrars] registrar shall
2064 send such notice not earlier than the date of such primary. If the
2065 registrar does not receive the return card within thirty days after it is
2066 sent, the elector's name, including the name of an elector who has not
2067 voted in two consecutive federal elections, shall be placed on the
2068 inactive registry list for four years. At the expiration of such period of
2069 time on the inactive registry list, such name shall be removed from the
2070 registry list. If such elector applies to restore the elector's name to the
2071 active registry list or votes during such period, the elector's name shall
2072 be restored to the active registry list. Such [registrars] registrar shall
2073 retain a duplicate copy or record of each such notice in [their office or,
2074 if the registrars do] his or her office or, if the registrar does not have a
2075 permanent office, in the office space provided under section 9-5a, and
2076 shall note on such duplicate copy or record the date on which such
2077 notice was mailed. In each municipality, any elector, upon change of
2078 residence within the municipality, may cause the elector's registration
2079 to be transferred to the elector's new address by presenting to the
2080 [registrars] registrar a new application for voter registration. [The
2081 registrars shall thereupon] Upon approval by the registrar of such
2082 application, such registrar shall enter the elector's name on the list at
2083 the elector's new residence. [; provided no transfer of registration shall
2084 be made on the registry list on election day without the consent of each
2085 registrar.]

2086 Sec. 60. Section 9-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the

2087 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2088 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2089 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2090 Immediately after the close of the session or immediately after the
2091 sending of notice of intended removal provided for in section 9-35, as
2092 amended by this act, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall post at the
2093 town hall or municipal building in the municipality in which they
2094 serve, in a place readily accessible to the public, a list of the names of
2095 the electors whose names were removed from the registry list at such
2096 session or will be removed on the date specified in section 9-35, as
2097 amended by this act, together with the address of each such elector as
2098 it appeared on the registry list at the time the name was so removed.
2099 Together with such list, and as a part thereof, such [registrars] registrar
2100 shall also cause to be posted a statement that complete information as
2101 to such removal and as to the privileges and remedies of those whose
2102 names were removed from the registry list is available from such
2103 [registrars] registrar, specifying when and where such [registrars are]
2104 registrar is available for such purpose and, in the case of [registrars] a
2105 registrar of voters having office hours, specifying such office hours.

2106 Sec. 61. Section 9-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2107 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2108 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2109 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2110 Except during the period between the last session for the admission
2111 of electors prior to an election and the day following that election, any
2112 elector of any municipality who desires to relinquish his rights as an
2113 elector and to have his name erased from the registry list shall make a
2114 signed written request to the [registrars] registrar of voters of such
2115 municipality. Upon receipt of such application, the [registrars]
2116 registrar shall remove the elector's name from the registry list and any
2117 enrollment list. Any person whose name has been removed from the
2118 registry list pursuant to this section may reapply for admission as an

2119 elector at any time, without prejudice on account of such removal. In
2120 the event such person is admitted as an elector, the registrar of the
2121 municipality shall notify the [registrars] registrar of the other
2122 municipality where such person resided at the time of his
2123 relinquishment that [his] such person's electoral privileges have been
2124 restored.

2125 Sec. 62. Section 9-35c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2127 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2128 *-serving on said date of passage*):

2129 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-238, as amended by
2130 this act, 9-406, as amended by this act, and 9-436, as amended by this
2131 act, and other provisions of the general statutes, the names of electors
2132 on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35, as amended
2133 by this act, shall not be counted for purposes of computing the number
2134 of petition signatures required. Each elector on such inactive registry
2135 list who, in the determination of the [registrars] registrar, has signed a
2136 petition pursuant to the general statutes, giving the same address as
2137 appears on the inactive registry list, shall forthwith be placed on the
2138 active registry list compiled under said section 9-35. Each such elector
2139 shall be counted for purposes of future computations of the number of
2140 signatures required on future petitions issued for other electoral
2141 events. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled
2142 pursuant to section 9-35, as amended by this act, shall not be counted
2143 for purposes of computing the minimum percentage of the number of
2144 electors required in any charter or special act, if such charter or special
2145 act requires approval of a referendum by a minimum percentage of
2146 electors qualified on the last-completed registry list or has a similar
2147 requirement.

2148 Sec. 63. Section 9-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2149 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2150 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*

2151 *servoing on said date of passage):*

2152 The list for which provision is made in section 9-35, as amended by
2153 this act, shall be termed the preliminary registry list and such list shall
2154 be available in the office of the [registrars] registrar of voters for public
2155 inspection and copies shall be made available for distribution by the
2156 [registrars] registrar of voters. Whenever the [registrars of voters are
2157 not in their] registrar of voters is not in his or her office, such list shall
2158 be available at another municipal office. The [registrars] registrar of
2159 voters shall, upon request, give to any candidate for election a copy of
2160 the preliminary registry list for each voting district for which such
2161 person is a candidate.

2162 Sec. 64. Section 9-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2163 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2164 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2165 *servoing on said date of passage):*

2166 The [registrars] registrar of voters or [the] any assistant registrars of
2167 voters shall be available for at least one day during the fourteen-day
2168 period immediately before all elections for revisions and corrections of
2169 the preliminary list which, when completed, shall be termed "the final
2170 registry list" for such election. In each municipality, availability of the
2171 [registrars] registrar of voters shall be the posted office hours in such
2172 municipality for the [registrars] registrar of voters.

2173 Sec. 65. Section 9-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2174 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2175 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2176 *servoing on said date of passage):*

2177 The [registrars] registrar of voters in all towns shall produce a final
2178 registry list in accordance with the provisions of section 9-37, as
2179 amended by this act, and certified by such registrars of voters to be
2180 correct. Such final registry list and an updated list that contains the
2181 names and addresses of electors to be transferred, restored or added to

2182 such list, shall be available in the municipal clerk's office not later than
2183 the day following the last day that an elector may make changes to the
2184 elector's registration and shall be available in the [registrars of voters']
2185 registrar's of voters office for public inspection. Whenever the
2186 [registrars of voters are not in their] registrar of voters is not in his or
2187 her office, such list shall be available at another municipal office.

2188 Sec. 66. Section 9-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2189 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2190 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2191 *serving on said date of passage*):

2192 The [registrars] registrar of voters of each municipality shall print
2193 copies of the final registry list for distribution in such municipality and
2194 in all the voting districts located therein. The [registrars] registrar shall,
2195 upon request, produce for any candidate for election the final registry
2196 list for each voting district for which such person is a candidate and
2197 shall maintain such list, either on paper or in electronic format, for a
2198 period of two years.

2199 Sec. 67. Subsection (b) of section 9-40a of the general statutes is
2200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2201 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2202 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2203 (b) Not later than May first in each year in which a canvass of
2204 electors is conducted, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall send the
2205 notice of removal and return card required by the National Voter
2206 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, to
2207 each member of the armed forces of the United States or their
2208 auxiliaries, or a spouse or dependent of such member, whose name has
2209 not been checked as having voted in at least one election, primary,
2210 referendum or town meeting during the four preceding calendar years.
2211 If such elector does not return the card within thirty days, the
2212 [registrars] registrar of voters shall place the name of such elector on

2213 the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35, as amended by
2214 this act, for four years, and if such name remains on the inactive list for
2215 four years, such name shall thereupon be removed from the registry
2216 list. Such removal shall not affect the right of such member, spouse or
2217 dependent to apply for admission as an elector in such town.

2218 Sec. 68. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-42 of the general
2219 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
2220 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
2221 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2222 (a) If [it appears at any time] the registrar of voters determines that
2223 the name of an elector who was formerly admitted or registered as an
2224 elector in a town and who is a bona fide resident of such town has
2225 been omitted from the active registry list compiled under section 9-35,
2226 as amended by this act, by clerical error, the [registrars] registrar of
2227 voters shall add such name to such list. [; provided no name shall be
2228 added to the active registry list on election day without the consent of
2229 both registrars of voters.]

2230 (b) If it appears at any time that the name of an elector who was
2231 formerly admitted or registered as an elector in a town and who is a
2232 bona fide resident of such town has been omitted from the active
2233 registry list, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall, upon submission
2234 of a new application for voter registration signed by the elector under
2235 penalties of false statement, add such name to the active registry list. [,
2236 provided no name shall be added to the active registry list on election
2237 day without the consent of both registrars of voters.]

2238 (c) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall cause the inactive
2239 registry list compiled under section 9-35, as amended by this act, to be
2240 completed and printed and available to the public. The [registrars]
2241 registrar of voters shall provide copies for use in the polling place on
2242 election day. If on election day the name of an elector appears on such
2243 inactive registry list, including the name of an elector who has not

2244 responded to a confirmation of voting residence notice under
2245 subsection (e) of section 9-35, as amended by this act, and has not
2246 voted in two consecutive federal elections, such name shall be added
2247 to the active registry list upon submission of a new application for
2248 voter registration signed by the elector, under penalties of false
2249 statement, before an election official at the polling place and upon the
2250 consent of [both registrars] the registrar of voters or any assistant
2251 registrars of voters, as the case may be, in the polls.

2252 Sec. 69. Subsection (a) of section 9-42a of the general statutes is
2253 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2254 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2255 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2256 (a) On the written request of any elector who identifies himself to
2257 the satisfaction of the [registrars of voters, such registrars] registrar of
2258 voters, such registrar shall make any changes in the name of such
2259 elector as it appears on the registry list, provided such elector furnishes
2260 reasonable evidence to the [registrars] registrar that the name as
2261 changed is a lawful name of such elector. No such change shall be
2262 made between the Tuesday of the fifth week before a regular election
2263 and the day of such election.

2264 Sec. 70. Section 9-43 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2265 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2266 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2267 *serving on said date of passage*):

2268 When the [registrars in any municipality are unable to agree upon
2269 the removal from the registry list of such municipality of the name of
2270 any elector concerning whom the claim is made by either registrar that
2271 such elector does not maintain] registrar of voters of any municipality
2272 challenges the right of an elector to have such elector's name retained
2273 on the registry list of such municipality by questioning whether such
2274 elector maintains a residence within such municipality, [the registrars]

2275 such registrar shall send to such elector, by registered or certified mail
2276 at the address at which his name appears on such list, a notice and
2277 return card required by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
2278 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, that his right to have his
2279 name retained on such list has been challenged. [; and,] Thereafter,
2280 unless such elector has filed with the [registrars] registrar, not later
2281 than seven days before the next succeeding regular election or primary
2282 to be held in such municipality, an application for the retention of his
2283 electoral privileges therein, the [registrars] registrar shall place his
2284 name on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35, as
2285 amended by this act. Such challenge may be made, and notice thereof
2286 sent, at any time except for the period of five weeks before any regular
2287 election to be held in such municipality. Such application for the
2288 retention of electoral privileges shall be a signed and sworn
2289 application in form substantially as follows:

2290 "I, ..., (insert name of elector) an elector of the town of (insert
2291 name of town) now registered at (insert name of street, and number,
2292 if any) do hereby state under oath that I maintain a place of abode at
2293 (insert name of street, and number, if any) within such town; that my
2294 absence is temporary from said town for the following reasons:; that
2295 it is my present intention to maintain a domicile and residence in said
2296 town and return thereto whenever the necessity for temporary absence
2297 has ceased; that I am not now registered elsewhere as an elector nor
2298 have I any present intention so to register.

2299 ... (Signature of elector)

2300 Sworn to and subscribed before me on this ... day of ..., 20.., at

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2302 Notary Public or other officer

2303 empowered to administer oaths".

2304 Upon receipt of such application, if [either] the registrar, in writing

2305 signed by him or her, certifies on such application that he or she
2306 believes such claim of residence has sufficient foundation in fact, the
2307 name of such elector shall be retained on the active registry list of the
2308 municipality and [his] such elector's right to vote therein at the next
2309 succeeding regular election or primary shall not be challenged by the
2310 [registrars] registrar because of any question of residence. Otherwise,
2311 the name of such elector shall be placed on the inactive registry list for
2312 four years and then removed from the registry list. All applications
2313 herein provided for shall be kept by the [registrars] registrar as a
2314 permanent record. [; and, when] When no application for retention of
2315 [his] electoral privilege is received from any elector whose right to
2316 have his name retained on the registry list is challenged under the
2317 provisions of this section, the [registrars] registrar shall keep as a
2318 permanent record evidence that the notice required by this section has
2319 been sent in the manner provided herein.

2320 Sec. 71. Subsection (c) of section 9-46a of the general statutes is
2321 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2322 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2323 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2324 (c) The [registrars] registrar of voters of the municipality in which a
2325 person is admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this
2326 section, within thirty days after the date on which such person is
2327 admitted, shall notify the [registrars] registrar of voters of the
2328 municipality wherein such person resided at the time of such person's
2329 conviction that such person's electoral rights have been so restored.

2330 Sec. 72. Section 9-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2331 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2332 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2333 *serving on said date of passage*):

2334 The [registrars] registrar of voters of each town shall compile a list
2335 of (1) all persons whose names were added, restored, removed or

2336 erased from the active and inactive registry lists, (2) all electors who
2337 changed either their names or addresses, and (3) all persons sent
2338 notices required under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
2339 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and all persons who have
2340 replied to such notices. Such list shall include, but not be limited to,
2341 each such person's or elector's (A) name, (B) former name, (C) address,
2342 (D) former address, (E) voting district, and (F) party affiliation, if any.
2343 The [registrars] registrar shall make each such list available to the
2344 public in accordance with the provisions of section 1-210.

2345 Sec. 73. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
2346 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2347 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2348 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2349 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, [the
2350 registrars] each registrar of voters shall update the state-wide
2351 centralized voter registration system and indicate whether the eligible
2352 voters on the official registry list for such election or primary voted
2353 and, if so, if they voted in person or by absentee ballot.

2354 Sec. 74. Section 9-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2355 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2356 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2357 *serving on said date of passage*):

2358 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall make changes and
2359 corrections in the list of enrolled electors at any time. On the
2360 fourteenth day before each primary, the [registrars] registrar of voters
2361 in each town shall hold a mandatory enrollment session for the
2362 purpose of making an enrollment of the electors who are entitled to
2363 vote in primaries. All enrollment sessions of the [registrars] registrar of
2364 voters shall be held in a public place maintained by the municipality at
2365 such hours between twelve o'clock noon and nine o'clock p.m. as said
2366 [registrars prescribe] registrar prescribes, provided each such session

2367 shall be held for not less than two consecutive hours and provided, in
2368 any municipality divided into voting districts in which an enrollment
2369 session is held in each such district, the hours of such session in each of
2370 the districts shall be uniform. This section shall apply in each
2371 municipality, the provisions of any special act to the contrary
2372 notwithstanding.

2373 Sec. 75. Section 9-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2374 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2375 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2376 *-serving on said date of passage*):

2377 The [registrars] registrar of voters in each municipality may hold
2378 additional discretionary enrollment sessions for the purpose of making
2379 an enrollment of the electors who are entitled to vote in any primary or
2380 caucus in such municipality at such other times as [all such registrars
2381 in such municipality] such registrar in such municipality may deem
2382 necessary; but no such session shall be held on the day when a caucus
2383 or primary is held or during the fourteen days preceding a primary or
2384 the day before a caucus.

2385 Sec. 76. Section 9-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2386 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2387 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2388 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2389 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall compile separate lists of all
2390 qualified electors making application for enrollment according to the
2391 declared political preference of such electors. Before each primary at
2392 which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote, under section 9-431,
2393 the [registrars] registrar of voters shall also compile a list of
2394 unaffiliated electors which shall be a component of the official checklist
2395 to be used at such primary. In those towns having cities or boroughs
2396 within, and not coterminous with, their limits, the [registrars] registrar
2397 of voters shall also prepare such lists for use in such cities or boroughs;

2398 and when towns, cities or boroughs are divided into wards or voting
2399 districts, the [registrars] registrar shall also prepare such lists for such
2400 wards or voting districts. Any town, city, consolidated town and city,
2401 or consolidated town and borough may, by vote of its legislative body,
2402 require the [registrars] registrar of voters to designate the party
2403 affiliation, if any, of each elector on the registry list with the name of
2404 such elector, and, if it is so voted, may provide for the continuance or
2405 discontinuance of separate enrollment lists, except as provided in
2406 section 9-55, as amended by this act. Whenever an elector's name has
2407 been removed from the registry list or transferred upon the registry list
2408 because of a change of address within the municipality, pursuant to
2409 section 9-35, as amended by this act, such name shall also, at the same
2410 time, be removed from or transferred upon the enrollment list or upon
2411 the list of unaffiliated electors, if applicable. In all municipalities, when
2412 a transfer of enrollment between separate lists of the same political
2413 party is made because of the removal of an elector from one voting
2414 district or ward to another voting district or ward in the same
2415 municipality, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall transfer the name
2416 of such elector from the list on which it appears to the enrollment list
2417 of the same political party in the voting district or ward to which such
2418 elector has removed unless such elector has made application for
2419 erasure or transfer of enrollment to the list of another party. All such
2420 enrollment lists and lists of unaffiliated electors shall be arranged in
2421 the manner provided by section 9-35, as amended by this act, for the
2422 arrangement of registry lists in such town except as modified by
2423 sections 9-51 to 9-65, as amended by this act, inclusive.

2424 Sec. 77. Section 9-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2425 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2426 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2427 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2428 (a) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall cause to be printed at
2429 least once during the calendar year a complete enrollment list and shall
2430 make such list available to the public upon request.

2431 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
2432 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
2433 [registrars] registrar shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible
2434 to vote in the primary to be printed before such primary. If unaffiliated
2435 electors are authorized to vote in only one party's primary and are
2436 authorized to vote for all offices to be contested at the primary, the
2437 [registrars] registrar may print the list of unaffiliated electors in
2438 combination with such party's enrollment list, indicating party
2439 affiliation where applicable.

2440 (c) If the legislative body of the municipality votes to eliminate
2441 separate enrollment lists under section 9-54, as amended by this act,
2442 and:

2443 (1) Notices of primaries are published for two parties to be held on
2444 the same day, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall print complete
2445 separate enrollment lists and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized to
2446 vote in the primary, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall print a
2447 separate list of unaffiliated electors as provided in subsection (b) of this
2448 section; or

2449 (2) A notice of primary is published for one party in which
2450 unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote for some but not all offices
2451 to be contested at the primary, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall
2452 print a complete separate enrollment list and a separate list of
2453 unaffiliated electors as provided in subsection (b) of this section; or

2454 (3) A notice of primary is published for only one party and (A)
2455 unaffiliated electors are not authorized to vote, or (B) unaffiliated
2456 electors are authorized to vote for all offices to be contested at the
2457 primary, a registry list may be used as a checklist at the primary and
2458 the [registrars] registrar of voters shall print a supplementary or
2459 updated list indicating those electors who have become eligible to vote
2460 in the primary since the printing of the registry list.

2461 (d) Whenever a list is required by this section to be printed, a

2462 supplement to such list shall be compiled by the [registrars] registrar
2463 of voters of persons who after such date and prior to twelve o'clock
2464 noon of the last business day before the primary become eligible to
2465 vote in such primary. The [registrars] registrar of voters may combine
2466 such separate compilation with the foregoing printed list by reprinting
2467 the list or incorporating the updated list.

2468 (e) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall make available for public
2469 use such list in the office of the [registrars] registrar of voters until the
2470 printing of the next completed enrollment list; and they shall deliver to
2471 the chairman of the town committee of each political party copies of
2472 each such list for each voting district in the town. Whenever the
2473 [registrars of voters are not in their] registrar of voters is not in his or
2474 her office, such list shall be available at another municipal office. Upon
2475 request, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall give one complete set
2476 of such lists to each candidate for nomination for any office or for
2477 election as a town committee member. The [registrars] registrar of
2478 voters shall deliver a sufficient number of copies thereof to the
2479 moderator of each primary. No petition brought under the provisions
2480 of section 9-63 shall operate to delay the completion and printing of
2481 such lists. If the petition of any elector is granted after any such list has
2482 been completed, the [registrars of voters or] registrar of voters or any
2483 assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall issue to such
2484 elector a certificate showing that the elector is entitled to the privileges
2485 accompanying enrollment in the political party named in the elector's
2486 petition.

2487 Sec. 78. Section 9-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2488 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2489 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2490 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2491 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name
2492 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list
2493 under section 9-59, as amended by this act, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-62, any

2494 elector not enrolled on any enrollment list may at any time make a
2495 written and signed application for enrollment to the [registrars]
2496 registrar of voters on an application form for admission as an elector,
2497 in accordance with the requirements of this section. The application
2498 shall be effective as of the date it is filed with the [registrars] registrar
2499 of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and any person
2500 making application for enrollment in such manner shall immediately
2501 be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the application
2502 for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with the
2503 [registrars] registrar of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last
2504 business day before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the
2505 privileges of party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is
2506 otherwise filed with the registrar after the fifth day before the primary,
2507 in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment
2508 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or
2509 (3) is filed with the [registrars] registrar of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the
2510 last business day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall
2511 be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the
2512 caucus or convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by
2513 the registrar, deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by
2514 such other personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for the
2515 purpose, showing the date when such application is received and, in
2516 the case of an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59, as
2517 amended by this act, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-62 to the privileges accompanying
2518 enrollment in the party named in his application, the date upon which
2519 such applicant becomes so eligible. In municipalities divided into
2520 voting districts in which an enrollment session is held in each district
2521 thereof under section 9-51, as amended by this act, application for
2522 enrollment shall be made to the registrar or assistant registrar, as the
2523 case may be, in the voting district in which such elector is entitled to
2524 vote at the time of making such application. If any registrar or assistant
2525 registrar fails to add any name to any such list on written application
2526 or adds any name to any such list except as herein provided, he shall
2527 be guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

2528 Sec. 79. Section 9-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2530 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2531 *-serving on said date of passage*):

2532 Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act or charter to the
2533 contrary, whenever any person makes application for admission as an
2534 elector in person to an admitting official, he may, on an application for
2535 admission as an elector, make application for enrollment on the list of
2536 the political party of his preference. Any such elector who has so
2537 applied for enrollment shall, upon acquisition of electoral privileges,
2538 immediately be entitled to all the privileges of enrollment in the party
2539 named in his application, unless (1) he ceases to be an elector in the
2540 town or voting district in which he is entitled to vote, as the case may
2541 be, (2) he makes application for erasure or transfer or enrollment on
2542 the list of another party in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
2543 59, as amended by this act, (3) he files his application for enrollment
2544 with the [registrars] registrar of voters of his town of residence after
2545 twelve o'clock noon on the last business day before a primary, in
2546 which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment
2547 immediately after the primary, or (4) he files his application for
2548 enrollment with the [registrars] registrar of voters of his town of
2549 residence on the day of a caucus or convention, in which case he shall
2550 be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the
2551 caucus or convention. The [registrars of voters or assistant registrars]
2552 registrar of voters or any assistant registrar shall add the names of all
2553 persons making such application to the enrollment list or
2554 supplementary enrollment list of the political party of each such
2555 applicant's preference, provided, if a caucus or convention is to be
2556 held, such [registrars or assistant registrars] registrar or any such
2557 assistant registrars shall prepare separate lists of such names according
2558 to party, on the day before such caucus or convention.

2559 Sec. 80. Section 9-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2560 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*

2561 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2562 *servicing on said date of passage):*

2563 All applications for enrollment shall be arranged in alphabetical
2564 order and shall be preserved by the [registrars] registrar of voters as a
2565 permanent record open to public inspection, except that any such
2566 application of an elector whose name has been removed from the
2567 registry list for a period of at least five years may be placed on
2568 microfilm, destroyed or otherwise disposed of, in the manner provided
2569 in section 7-109, by such [registrars] registrar.

2570 Sec. 81. Section 9-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2571 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2572 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2573 *servicing on said date of passage):*

2574 Any elector whose name appears on any enrollment list or who has
2575 made application for enrollment may, at any time, make a written
2576 application, on an application form for admission as an elector, which
2577 shall be signed by such elector, to [either] the registrar of voters for
2578 erasure of his name from such list or for transfer of his name to the
2579 enrollment list of another party. If an elector makes an application for
2580 erasure, his name shall be erased from said enrollment list and, if a
2581 municipality is having a primary in which unaffiliated electors are
2582 authorized to vote, under section 9-431, such elector's name shall be
2583 placed on the list of unaffiliated electors together with the date he is
2584 eligible to vote in a primary. If an elector makes an application for
2585 transfer, his name shall be transferred to the enrollment list of another
2586 party, together with the effective date of such transfer. Any elector
2587 whose name has been transferred from one enrollment list to another
2588 or who has applied for erasure or transfer of his name from an
2589 enrollment list shall not be entitled to participate or vote in a caucus or
2590 primary of any party, participate in the appointment of members to
2591 any board or commission that is political in nature, be appointed as a
2592 member of any board or commission that is political in nature or be

2593 entitled to the privileges accompanying enrollment in any party for a
2594 period of three months from the date of the filing of his application for
2595 transfer or for erasure. Any elector who removes his name from the
2596 registry list and from an enrollment list in accordance with the
2597 provisions of section 9-35b shall not be entitled to enroll in any
2598 political party or vote in any primary for three months after such
2599 removal. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall state, on the notice of
2600 acceptance sent under sections 9-23g, as amended by this act, 9-19b, as
2601 amended by this act, and 9-19e, as amended by this act, the date
2602 enrollment privileges take effect, if delayed.

2603 Sec. 82. Section 9-64a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2604 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2605 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2606 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2607 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter,
2608 the [registrars] registrar of voters in any town [or district] shall remove
2609 the name of any elector from the enrollment list at the same time that
2610 such name is removed from the registry list, but, if such name is
2611 restored, added or transferred on the registry list under section 9-35, as
2612 amended by this act, or section 9-42, as amended by this act, it shall be
2613 simultaneously restored, added or transferred on the enrollment list.

2614 Sec. 83. Section 9-65 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2615 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2616 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2617 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2618 (a) After the last session of the [registrars] registrar of voters under
2619 section 9-17, as amended by this act, before each election, the
2620 [registrars] registrar of voters in each municipality shall submit in
2621 writing to the Secretary of the State a statement setting forth the total
2622 number of names of new electors added to the registry list, and the
2623 total number of names of former electors removed from the registry

2624 list, in such municipality during the period between the two most
2625 recent such last sessions. Such statement shall be submitted annually at
2626 a time to be determined by the Secretary of the State.

2627 (b) Not later than a week after the last session of the [registrars]
2628 registrar of voters before an election under section 9-17, as amended by
2629 this act, the Secretary of the State shall issue a report on the total
2630 number of electors on the active and inactive registry list, the total
2631 number of electors enrolled on each active and inactive party
2632 enrollment list and the total number of unaffiliated electors on the
2633 active and inactive registry list in such municipality, as reported by the
2634 [registrars] registrar of voters on the state-wide centralized voter
2635 registration system. The Secretary shall omit from such report electors
2636 on the last-completed registry list or enrollment lists who have died,
2637 but shall include electors who have acquired electoral or enrollment
2638 privileges since the last-completed registry list or enrollment lists were
2639 perfected.

2640 Sec. 84. Subsection (a) of section 9-135b of the general statutes is
2641 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2642 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2643 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2644 (a) Immediately after the deadline for certification of all candidates
2645 whose names are to appear on the ballot, and in sufficient time to
2646 begin issuing absentee ballots on the day prescribed by law, the
2647 municipal clerk shall prepare the absentee ballots and have them
2648 printed. Prior to printing such ballots, the [registrars] registrar of
2649 voters of the municipality may provide comments concerning the
2650 content and form of such ballots to the clerk.

2651 Sec. 85. Subsection (c) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is
2652 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2653 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2654 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2655 (c) The municipal clerk shall check the name of each absentee ballot
2656 applicant against the last-completed registry list and any updated
2657 registry lists on file in the municipal clerk's office. If the name of such
2658 applicant does not appear on any of such lists, the clerk shall send such
2659 applicant a notice, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to
2660 the effect that (1) the applicant's name did not appear on the list of
2661 electors of the municipality at the time the application was processed,
2662 and (2) unless the applicant is admitted or restored as an elector of the
2663 municipality by the applicable cutoff dates an absentee ballot will not
2664 be mailed to him. Such notice shall not be so mailed if, prior to the
2665 mailing of the notice, the [registrars provide] registrar of voters
2666 provides the clerk with reliable information showing the absentee
2667 ballot applicant to be an elector of the municipality.

2668 Sec. 86. Subsection (b) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
2669 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2670 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2671 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2672 (b) As used in this section and section 9-150c, "designee" means (1) a
2673 person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness
2674 or physical disability, including but not limited to, a licensed physician
2675 or a registered or practical nurse, (2) a member of the applicant's
2676 family, who is designated by an absentee ballot applicant and who
2677 consents to such designation, or (3) if no such person consents or is
2678 available, then a police officer, the registrar of voters, the deputy
2679 registrar of voters or any assistant registrar of voters in the
2680 municipality in which the applicant resides.

2681 Sec. 87. Subsections (b) to (k), inclusive, of section 9-140c of the
2682 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2683 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
2684 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2685 (b) Beginning not earlier than the seventh day before the election,

2686 primary or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee
2687 ballots received by the municipal clerk not later than eleven o'clock
2688 a.m. of such day may be sorted into voting districts by the clerk and
2689 checked as provided in this subsection. On any such day, beginning as
2690 soon as the ballots have been sorted, the [registrars] registrar of voters,
2691 without opening the outer envelopes, may check the names of the
2692 applicants returning ballots on the official checklist to be used at the
2693 election, primary or referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A"
2694 preceding each such name and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized
2695 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, the
2696 designation of the party in which the applicants are voting preceding
2697 each such name. If central counting of absentee ballots has been
2698 designated by the [registrars] registrar pursuant to section 9-147a, as
2699 amended by this act, [they] such registrar shall also place such
2700 indication on a duplicate of the checklist to be retained by the
2701 municipal clerk until [he] such clerk delivers it to the [registrars]
2702 registrar at twelve o'clock noon on election, primary or referendum
2703 day for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to subsection
2704 (i) of this section. All absentee ballots received not later than eleven
2705 o'clock a.m. of the last day before the election, primary or referendum
2706 which is not a Sunday or legal holiday, shall be so sorted and checked
2707 not later than such day.

2708 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the
2709 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the
2710 [registrars] registrar shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope
2711 the word "rejected", followed by a statement of [the reasons] any
2712 reason for rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the
2713 ballot counted.

2714 (d) After such checking has been completed on any such day, the
2715 municipal clerk shall seal the unopened ballots in a package and retain
2716 them in a safe place.

2717 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,

2718 ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on such last day
2719 before the election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the
2720 clerk to the [registrars] registrar not earlier than ten o'clock a.m. and
2721 not later than twelve o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary
2722 and at twelve o'clock noon on the day of a referendum. If central
2723 counting has been designated pursuant to section 9-147a, as amended
2724 by this act, the clerk shall also deliver to the [registrars] registrar at this
2725 time the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this
2726 section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
2727 subsection (i) of this section.

2728 (2) The clerk may deliver the ballots at a time that is later than the
2729 time provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided such time
2730 is mutually agreed upon by the clerk and [registrars] the registrar and
2731 is not later than eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary
2732 or referendum.

2733 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock
2734 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be
2735 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by the clerk
2736 separately until delivered to the [registrars] registrar of voters for
2737 checking.

2738 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of
2739 such last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six
2740 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall,
2741 upon request of the [registrars] registrar, be delivered to the
2742 [registrars] registrar by the municipal clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the
2743 day of the election, primary or referendum for checking, or at a later
2744 time mutually agreed upon by the clerk and [registrars] the registrar,
2745 provided such time is not later than eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the
2746 election, primary or referendum.

2747 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. and any ballots
2748 received prior to six o'clock p.m. which were not delivered earlier shall

2749 be delivered to the [registrars] registrar at the close of the polls for
2750 checking. Although absentee ballots shall be checked by the
2751 [registrars] registrar of voters at various times throughout the election,
2752 primary or referendum day, absentee ballots may be counted at one
2753 single time during such day.

2754 (i) (1) The absentee ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots
2755 delivered by the clerk to the [registrars] registrar at six o'clock p.m.
2756 and at the close of the polls pursuant to subsections (g) and (h) of this
2757 section, shall check the names of the applicants returning ballots on the
2758 official checklist in the same manner as provided in subsections (b) and
2759 (c) of this section, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. (2) If
2760 central counting has been designated pursuant to section 9-147a, as
2761 amended by this act, the names of applicants whose ballots were
2762 delivered at six o'clock p.m. shall be called in to the appropriate
2763 polling places where they shall be checked by the checkers on the
2764 official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the absentee ballot
2765 counters on the duplicate checklist required under subsection (b) of
2766 this section. (3) If central counting has been designated, the names of
2767 applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the polls shall
2768 be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official checklists
2769 used at the polling places. The official checklists, bearing the
2770 certifications required by section 9-307, as amended by this act, shall be
2771 delivered by the [registrars or assistant registrars] registrar or any
2772 assistant registrar to the central counting moderator for that purpose.
2773 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked on
2774 the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot
2775 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer
2776 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of [the] any
2777 reason for rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the
2778 ballot counted. (5) When central counting is completed and the result
2779 is announced, the central counting moderator shall deliver the
2780 duplicate checklist, the official checklists and the returns required by
2781 section 9-150b to the head moderator.

2782 (j) Each time ballots are delivered by the clerk to the [registrars]
2783 registrar on election, primary or referendum day, the clerk and
2784 [registrars] the registrar shall execute an affidavit of delivery and
2785 receipt stating the number of ballots delivered. The clerk shall preserve
2786 the affidavit for six months in accordance with section 9-150b.

2787 (k) Each group of absentee ballots shall be counted by the absentee
2788 ballot counters when received from the [registrars] registrar on
2789 election, primary or referendum day, in the manner provided in
2790 section 9-150a, as amended by this act.

2791 Sec. 88. Subsection (b) of section 9-140e of the general statutes is
2792 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2793 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2794 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2795 (b) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall send written notice to
2796 each such elector with permanent absentee ballot status in January of
2797 each year, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, for the
2798 purpose of determining if such elector continues to reside at the
2799 address indicated on the elector's permanent absentee ballot
2800 application. If (1) such written notice is returned as undeliverable, or
2801 (2) not later than thirty days after such notice is sent to the elector, the
2802 elector fails to return such notice to the [registrars] registrar of voters,
2803 as directed on the form, the elector in question shall be removed from
2804 permanent absentee ballot status. If such elector indicates on such
2805 notice that the elector no longer resides at such address and the
2806 elector's new address is within the same municipality, the [registrars]
2807 registrar of voters shall change the elector's address pursuant to
2808 section 9-35, as amended by this act, and such elector shall retain
2809 permanent absentee ballot status. If the elector indicates on such notice
2810 that the elector no longer resides in the municipality, the [registrars]
2811 registrar of voters shall remove such individual from the registry list of
2812 the municipality and send such individual an application for voter
2813 registration. Failure to return such written notice shall not result in the

2814 removal of an elector from the official registry list of the municipality.

2815 Sec. 89. Subsection (b) of section 9-147a of the general statutes is
2816 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2817 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2818 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2819 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may
2820 be counted at a central location designated by the [registrars] registrar
2821 of voters in writing to the municipal clerk at least twenty days before
2822 the election, primary or referendum, which location shall be published
2823 in the warning for the election, primary or referendum. If unaffiliated
2824 electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of
2825 either of two parties, absentee ballots may not be counted at a central
2826 location unless both parties decide to have central counting and
2827 designate the same room for such central counting. If such designation
2828 of a central location has been made, the ballots shall not be counted in
2829 any polling place but all absentee ballots shall be separated, counted,
2830 tallied, placed in depository envelopes and returned by voting district.
2831 Any member of the public may observe the counting of absentee
2832 ballots at such central location.

2833 Sec. 90. Section 9-147c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2834 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2835 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2836 *serving on said date of passage*):

2837 [Each] The registrar of voters shall appoint one or more electors of
2838 the town, known to be persons of integrity, to count all absentee
2839 ballots. No spouse, parent, grandparent, child or sibling of a candidate
2840 may be appointed to count absentee ballots on which the name of such
2841 candidate appears. If central counting has been designated, the
2842 [registrars shall also jointly] registrar shall appoint a central counting
2843 moderator and alternate moderator pursuant to the requirements of
2844 section 9-229, as amended by this act. No person shall print, publish,

2845 announce, or otherwise make known such count prior to the time for
2846 the closing of the polls.

2847 Sec. 91. Section 9-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2848 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2849 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2850 *servng on said date of passage*):

2851 The appointment of absentee ballot counters shall be made by the
2852 [registrars] registrar of voters. The presiding officer for the purpose of
2853 declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality is the
2854 moderator. Each person appointed to count absentee ballots shall
2855 participate in a training session at which the [registrars] registrar of
2856 voters, absentee ballot moderator or moderator of the polling place, as
2857 the case may be, shall review and study the absentee counter's manual
2858 provided by the Secretary of the State under section 9-150a, as
2859 amended by this act. Each elector so appointed shall be sworn to carry
2860 out faithfully the duties of his office and not to attempt to ascertain the
2861 manner in which any absentee elector has marked his absentee ballot.
2862 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall ascertain the voting district in
2863 which each absentee elector is registered and shall apportion the
2864 envelopes according to voting districts among the appointed groups of
2865 electors, if there is more than one such group, in such manner that each
2866 group can conveniently count the votes apportioned to it.

2867 Sec. 92. Subsection (a) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is
2868 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2869 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
2870 *registrar of voters servng on said date of passage*):

2871 The absentee ballot counters shall proceed to the polling places for
2872 which they have been assigned ballots or to the central counting
2873 location at the times designated by the [registrars] registrar of voters.

2874 Sec. 93. Section 9-150d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2875 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*

2876 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2877 *-serving on said date of passage):*

2878 A voting tabulator approved by the Secretary of the State under
2879 section 9-242 may be used to count absentee ballots in any
2880 municipality at an election, primary or referendum, provided the
2881 [registrars of voters of the municipality approve] registrar of voters of
2882 the municipality approves the use of such tabulator and the Secretary
2883 of the State prescribes specifications for (1) the security, testing, set-up,
2884 operation and canvassing of the tabulator, (2) such absentee ballots,
2885 and (3) the training of election officials in the use of the tabulator.

2886 Sec. 94. Section 9-153d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2888 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2889 *-serving on said date of passage):*

2890 (a) [Either] The registrar of voters may, not more than ninety days
2891 before the day of an election, in a form to be prescribed by the
2892 Secretary of the State, direct the municipal clerk forthwith to mail an
2893 absentee ballot, with the necessary envelopes and instructions, to the
2894 best-known address, within the knowledge of the registrar, [issuing
2895 such direction,] of an elector or applicant for admission as an elector
2896 who is living outside the territorial limits of the several states of the
2897 United States and the District of Columbia or who is a member of the
2898 armed forces, or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed
2899 forces living where such member is stationed, whether such address is
2900 a home address or an armed service address, and such direction shall
2901 constitute sufficient application for such absentee ballot. The municipal
2902 clerk may, during such period, so act of his own motion and without
2903 waiting for the direction of [a] the registrar of voters or other
2904 application, if the clerk first completes and retains in his records as an
2905 application the same direction form as is used by [a] the registrar of
2906 voters.

2907 (b) Within the time limits in subsection (b) of section 9-158c for
2908 availability of overseas ballots, [either] the registrar of voters may, in a
2909 form to be prescribed by the Secretary of the State, direct the municipal
2910 clerk forthwith to mail an overseas ballot, with the necessary
2911 envelopes and instructions, to the best-known address, within the
2912 knowledge of the registrar, [issuing such direction,] of a citizen of the
2913 United States who is eligible to vote as an overseas elector under
2914 sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, and such direction shall constitute
2915 sufficient application for such absentee ballot. Such ballot shall not be
2916 counted unless an application form prescribed in subsection (b) of
2917 section 9-158d is received by the town clerk prior to the day of the
2918 election or primary. The municipal clerk may, during such period, so
2919 act on his own motion and without waiting for the direction of [a] the
2920 registrar of voters or other application, if the clerk first completes and
2921 retains in his records as an application the same direction form that is
2922 used by [a] the registrar of voters.

2923 Sec. 95. Section 9-158g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2924 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2925 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2926 *servng on said date of passage*):

2927 The voter shall sign the certification upon the inner envelope,
2928 securely seal it, enclose it in an outer serially-numbered envelope, and
2929 return it to the municipal clerk of the town in which he is qualified to
2930 vote. The clerk shall keep it in his office until delivered by him to the
2931 [registrars] registrar of voters at the same time and in the same manner
2932 as is provided for absentee ballots. If the ballot is returned by a person
2933 other than the voter or the United States Postal Service, the person
2934 delivering the ballot shall sign his name and address and the date and
2935 time of its delivery on the outer envelope in the clerk's presence. The
2936 ballot, to be cast, shall be returned so that it is received by the town
2937 clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election.

2938 Sec. 96. Section 9-158j of the general statutes is repealed and the

2939 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2940 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2941 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2942 Upon receipt of an application for a "Presidential Ballot" or
2943 "Overseas Ballot" the town clerk shall forthwith notify the [registrars]
2944 registrar of voters of the applicant's name, with a notation designating
2945 him as a person voting for presidential and vice-presidential electors
2946 or federal offices only. If the name of a presidential voter who is a
2947 former resident appears on the registry list, the [registrars] registrar
2948 shall insert the letters "pf" in the margin preceding his name. The
2949 [registrars] registrar shall prepare a list of names and addresses of
2950 presidential voters and overseas electors whose names do not appear
2951 on the registry list, for each voting district, which list shall accompany
2952 the check list to be used at such election in such district. The
2953 [registrars] registrar shall insert the letters "pf" in the margin of such
2954 list of presidential voters preceding the name of each applicant who is
2955 a former resident.

2956 Sec. 97. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2957 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
2958 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
2959 *servoing on said date of passage*):

2960 Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the clerk and
2961 who finds he is able to vote in person shall proceed before ten o'clock
2962 a.m. on election, primary or referendum day to the municipal clerk's
2963 office and request that his ballot be withdrawn. The municipal clerk
2964 shall remove the ballot from the sealed package and shall mark the
2965 serially-numbered outer envelope, which shall remain unopened,
2966 "rejected" and note [the reasons] any reason for rejection. The elector
2967 shall also endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot shall then be
2968 returned to the sealed package until delivered on election, primary or
2969 referendum day to the [registrars] registrar of voters in accordance
2970 with section 9-140c, as amended by this act. The clerk shall then give

2971 the elector a signed statement directed to the moderator of the voting
2972 district in which the elector resides stating that the elector has
2973 withdrawn his absentee ballot and may vote in person. Upon delivery
2974 of the statement by the elector to the moderator, the moderator shall
2975 cause the absentee indication next to the name of the elector to be
2976 stricken from the official checklist and the elector may then have his
2977 name checked and vote in person. In the case of central counting, the
2978 clerk shall make a similar notation on the duplicate checklist to be used
2979 by the absentee ballot counters.

2980 Sec. 98. Subsections (c) to (i), inclusive, of section 9-159p of the
2981 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2982 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
2983 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

2984 (c) Challenges made concerning ballots which the municipal clerk
2985 has not delivered to the [registrars] registrar of voters for counting
2986 pursuant to sections 9-140c, as amended by this act, and 9-147a, as
2987 amended by this act, shall be made in writing to the municipal clerk.
2988 Challenges made concerning ballots which the municipal clerk has
2989 delivered to the [registrars] registrar of voters for counting pursuant to
2990 sections 9-140c, as amended by this act, and 9-147a, as amended by this
2991 act, shall be made in writing to the moderator of the polling place at
2992 which the ballot is to be counted or the central counting moderator. All
2993 challenges shall be made under oath.

2994 (d) Immediately upon receipt of a challenge, the municipal clerk
2995 shall send copies of the challenge to [each] the registrar of voters and
2996 to the person offering to vote by absentee ballot. The clerk shall send
2997 the copy of the challenge to the person offering to vote by first class
2998 certified mail to the mailing address shown on the application for the
2999 absentee ballot. The clerk shall furnish copies of any written response
3000 to the challenge to [each] the registrar of voters. The clerk shall deliver
3001 the ballot in the inner envelope, which shall not be opened, the
3002 serially-numbered envelope and any other evidence relevant to the

3003 challenge, to the [registrars] registrar, who shall sign a receipt for the
3004 same.

3005 (e) Immediately upon receipt of a challenge, the moderator shall
3006 deliver copies of the challenge to [each] the registrar of voters. The
3007 moderator shall also deliver, or designate another election, primary or
3008 referendum official to deliver, the ballot in the inner envelope, which
3009 shall not be opened, the serially-numbered envelope and any other
3010 evidence relevant to the challenge to the [registrars] registrar, who
3011 shall sign a receipt for the same.

3012 (f) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall examine the challenge,
3013 any written response to the challenge and any other evidence or
3014 information they deem relevant to the challenge, including the inner
3015 envelope, which shall not be opened, and shall determine whether the
3016 challenge should be upheld. If the [registrars fail] registrar fails to
3017 agree that the challenge should be upheld, it shall be deemed to have
3018 been denied.

3019 (g) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall make the determination
3020 not earlier than noon of the day of the election, primary or referendum
3021 at which the ballot is submitted and not later than the time when the
3022 counting of all other absentee ballots at the election, primary or
3023 referendum has been completed.

3024 (h) The [registrars] registrar of voters shall notify, in writing, the
3025 municipal clerk and the moderator, or the moderator of the central
3026 location if central counting of absentee ballots has been designated, of
3027 their determination. If the challenge is denied, the absentee ballot shall
3028 be delivered by the [registrars] registrar to the appropriate location for
3029 counting pursuant to law. If the challenge is upheld, the [registrars]
3030 registrar shall mark the word "rejected" on the serially-numbered outer
3031 envelope and note the reasons for rejection, and shall return it together
3032 with all other evidence received in connection with the challenge to the
3033 municipal clerk who shall retain the same until delivered in

3034 accordance with section 9-140c, as amended by this act, except that a
3035 challenge to a ballot which the municipal clerk has delivered to the
3036 [registrars] registrar of voters for counting pursuant to sections 9-140c,
3037 as amended by this act, and 9-147a, as amended by this act, shall be
3038 returned to the moderator to whom the challenge was made.

3039 (i) Within five days after the election, primary or referendum the
3040 municipal clerk shall send to the person whose offer to vote was
3041 challenged a copy of the written determination of the [registrars]
3042 registrar and a statement as to the disposition of the absentee ballot.

3043 Sec. 99. Section 9-159q of the general statutes is repealed and the
3044 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3045 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3046 *-serving on said date of passage*):

3047 (a) As used in this section:

3048 (1) "Institution" means a veterans' health care facility, residential
3049 care home, health care facility for the handicapped, nursing home, rest
3050 home, mental health facility, alcohol or drug treatment facility, an
3051 infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of its
3052 students, faculty and employees or an assisted living facility; and

3053 (2) "Designee" means an elector of the [same town and political
3054 party as the appointing registrar of voters which elector] town,
3055 appointed by the registrar, who is not an employee of the institution at
3056 which supervised voting is conducted.

3057 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
3058 contrary, if less than twenty of the patients in any institution in the
3059 state are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall, upon
3060 request of [either] the registrar of voters in the town of such electors'
3061 voting residence or the administrator of such institution, be voted
3062 under the supervision of such [registrars of voters or their designees]
3063 registrar of voters or any designee thereof in accordance with the

3064 provisions of this section. The [registrars] registrar of voters of a town
3065 other than the town in which an institution is located may refuse a
3066 request by the administrator of such institution when, in [their] the
3067 registrar's written opinion, [the registrars agree that] such request is
3068 unnecessary, in which case this section shall not apply. Such
3069 [registrars] registrar shall inform the administrator and the town clerk
3070 of the electors' town of voting residence of [their] such refusal.

3071 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, such request
3072 shall be made in writing and filed with the town clerk and [registrars]
3073 registrar of voters of the town of such electors' voting residence, not
3074 more than forty-five days prior to an election or thirty-four days prior
3075 to a primary and not later than the seventh day prior to an election or
3076 primary. The request shall specify the name and location of the
3077 institution and the date and time when the [registrars of voters or their
3078 designees] registrar of voters or any designee thereof shall supervise
3079 the casting of absentee ballots at the institution. The request shall also
3080 specify one or more alternate dates and times when supervised voting
3081 may occur. No request shall specify a date or an alternate date for
3082 supervised voting which is later than the last business day before the
3083 election or primary.

3084 (d) The town clerk shall not mail or otherwise deliver an absentee
3085 ballot to an applicant who is a patient in any institution if a request for
3086 supervision of absentee balloting at that institution has been filed with
3087 the clerk during the period set forth in subsection (c) of this section.
3088 The clerk shall instead deliver such ballot or ballots to the [registrars of
3089 voters or their designees] registrar of voters or any designee thereof
3090 who will supervise the voting of such ballots in accordance with this
3091 section.

3092 (e) Except in the case of a written refusal as provided in subsection
3093 (b) of this section, upon receipt of a request for supervision of absentee
3094 balloting during the period set forth in subsection (c) of this section,
3095 the [registrar or registrars of voters who received the request] registrar

3096 of voters shall inform the [registrar or] administrator who made the
3097 request and the town clerk as to the date and time when such
3098 supervision shall occur, which shall be the date and time contained in
3099 the request or the alternate date and time contained in the request. If
3100 the registrar [or registrars fail] fails to select either date, the
3101 supervision shall take place on the date and time contained in the
3102 request. If a request for supervision of absentee balloting at an
3103 institution is filed during the period set forth in subsection (c) of this
3104 section and the town clerk receives an application for an absentee
3105 ballot from a patient in the institution after the date when supervised
3106 balloting occurred, [either] the registrar of voters may request, in
3107 writing, to the appropriate town clerk [and registrars of voters] that
3108 the supervision of the voting of absentee ballots at such institution in
3109 accordance with this section be repeated, and in such case the
3110 [registrars or their designees] registrar or any designee thereof shall
3111 supervise absentee balloting at such institution on the date and at the
3112 time specified in the subsequent request, which shall be not later than
3113 the last business day before the election or primary.

3114 (f) On the date when the supervision of absentee balloting at any
3115 institution is to occur, the town clerk shall deliver to the [registrars or
3116 their designees] registrar or any designee thereof the absentee ballots
3117 and envelopes for all applicants who are electors of such clerk's town
3118 and patients at such institution. The ballot and envelopes shall be
3119 prepared for delivery to the applicant as provided in sections 9-137 to
3120 9-140a, inclusive. The [registrars or their designees] registrar or any
3121 designee thereof shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such
3122 ballots.

3123 (g) [The registrars or their designees] The registrar or any designee
3124 thereof, as the case may be, shall [jointly] deliver the ballots to the
3125 respective applicants at the institution and shall [jointly] supervise the
3126 voting of such ballots. The ballots shall be returned to the [registrars or
3127 their designees] registrar or any designee thereof by the electors in the
3128 envelopes provided and in accordance with the provisions of sections

3129 9-137, 9-139 and 9-140a. If any elector asks for assistance in voting his
3130 ballot, [two registrars or their designees of different political parties or,
3131 for a primary, their designees of different candidates,] the registrar or
3132 any designee thereof shall render such assistance as [they deem] may
3133 be deemed necessary and appropriate to enable such elector to vote his
3134 ballot. [The registrars or their designees] The registrar or any designee
3135 thereof may reject a ballot when (1) the elector declines to vote a ballot,
3136 or (2) [the registrars or their designees are] the registrar or any
3137 designee thereof is unable to determine how the elector who has
3138 requested [their] assistance desires to vote the ballot. When [the
3139 registrars or their designees reject a ballot, they] the registrar or any
3140 designee thereof rejects a ballot, such registrar or designee shall mark
3141 the serially-numbered outer envelope "rejected" and note [the reasons]
3142 any reason for rejection. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of
3143 an elector to vote his ballot in secret.

3144 (h) After all ballots have been voted or marked "rejected" in
3145 accordance with subsection (g) of this section, [the registrars or their
3146 designees shall jointly] the registrar or any designee thereof shall
3147 deliver or mail them in the envelopes, which shall be sealed, to the
3148 appropriate town clerk, who shall retain them until delivered in
3149 accordance with section 9-140c, as amended by this act.

3150 (i) When an institution is located in a town having a primary, the
3151 registrar in that town [of the party holding the primary] shall appoint
3152 for each such institution, one designee of the party-endorsed
3153 candidates and one designee of the contestants from the lists, if any,
3154 submitted by the party-endorsed candidates and contestants. Such
3155 registrar shall notify all party-endorsed candidates and all contestants
3156 of their right to submit a list of potential designees under this section.
3157 Each party-endorsed candidate and each contestant may submit to
3158 such registrar in writing a list of names of potential designees,
3159 provided any such list shall be submitted not later than ten days before
3160 the primary. If no such lists are submitted within said period, such
3161 registrar shall appoint one designee of the party-endorsed candidates

3162 and one designee of the contestants. Each designee appointed
3163 pursuant to this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of
3164 his duties, and the registrar shall file a certificate of each designation
3165 with his town clerk.

3166 (j) Any registrar of voters who has filed a request that the absentee
3167 balloting at an institution be supervised and any registrar required to
3168 conduct a supervision of voting under this section, who neglects to
3169 perform any of the duties required of him by this section so as to cause
3170 any elector to lose his vote shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
3171 [Any registrar from the same town as a registrar who has filed such a
3172 request may waive his right to participate in the supervision of
3173 absentee balloting.]

3174 (k) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, if
3175 the spouse or a child of a registrar of voters or a dependent relative
3176 residing in the registrar's household is a candidate in the election or
3177 primary for which supervised absentee voting is to occur, such
3178 registrar shall not supervise such absentee voting but may designate
3179 the deputy registrar of voters or an assistant registrar of voters,
3180 appointed by the registrar pursuant to [section 9-192] section 1 or 2 of
3181 this act, to supervise the absentee voting in [his] such registrar's place.

3182 (l) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a town
3183 clerk receives twenty or more absentee ballot applications from the
3184 same street address in a town, including, but not limited to, an
3185 apartment building or complex, absentee ballots voted by the electors
3186 submitting such applications may, at the discretion of the [registrars]
3187 registrar of voters of such town, be voted under the supervision of
3188 such [registrars of voters or their designees] registrar of voters or any
3189 designee thereof in accordance with the same procedures set forth in
3190 this section for supervised absentee voting at institutions.

3191 Sec. 100. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-159r of the general
3192 statutes is repealed and the following are substituted in lieu thereof

3193 *(Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
3194 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage):*

3195 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
3196 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state
3197 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted
3198 under the supervision of the [registrars of voters or their designees]
3199 registrar of voters or any designee thereof of the town in which the
3200 institution is located, in accordance with the provisions of this section.
3201 As used in this section, the term "institution" shall be construed as
3202 defined in section 9-159q, as amended by this act.

3203 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be
3204 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.
3205 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140, as amended by
3206 this act, shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee
3207 voting set for any such application to the clerk of the town in which
3208 the institution is located, who shall deliver all such voting sets he
3209 receives to the [registrars] registrar of such town, on the date when the
3210 supervision of absentee balloting is to occur. The ballots and envelopes
3211 shall be prepared for delivery to the applicant as provided in sections
3212 9-137 to 9-140a, inclusive. [The registrars or their designees] The
3213 registrar or any designee thereof shall furnish the town clerk a written
3214 receipt for such ballots. The [registrars] registrar of the town in which
3215 an institution is located and the administrator of the institution shall
3216 mutually agree on a date and time for such supervision of absentee
3217 balloting, which shall be not later than the last business day before the
3218 election or primary.

3219 Sec. 101. Subsection (b) of section 9-159s of the general statutes is
3220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof *(Effective from*
3221 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
3222 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage):*

3223 (b) Any such notice shall indicate that the resident is entitled to vote

3224 or register to vote unless the resident is determined incompetent to do
3225 so by a probate court, or unless the [registrars of voters or their
3226 designees jointly conclude] registrar or any designee thereof concludes
3227 at a supervised voting session that the resident declines to vote the
3228 ballot or [they] such registrar or designee are unable to determine how
3229 the resident desires to vote the ballot, as provided in subsection (g) of
3230 section 9-159q, as amended by this act. The notice shall also specify
3231 that a resident who requires assistance to vote in accordance with
3232 section 9-264 by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or
3233 write may receive assistance from a person of the resident's choosing.

3234 Sec. 102. Subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of section 9-163k of the
3235 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3236 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
3237 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3238 (5) Absentee ballot coordinators may be compensated by the
3239 municipalities appointing the coordinators and shall receive training in
3240 absentee voting procedures by the appointing registrar [or registrars]
3241 of voters and be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties as
3242 election officials, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-231;

3243 Sec. 103. Section 9-168 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3244 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3245 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3246 *serving on said date of passage*):

3247 In any town not divided into voting districts, the place of holding
3248 elections may be determined by the legislative body of such town. In
3249 towns divided into voting districts the place of holding elections shall
3250 be determined as provided in section 9-169, as amended by this act, or
3251 any special act, whichever applies. Except as provided in section 9-
3252 169a, state elections shall be held at the usual place or places of holding
3253 elections in the town or the voting districts thereof, as the case may be,
3254 unless the [registrars of voters, in writing, have] registrar of voters, in

3255 writing, has designated to the clerk of such town, at least thirty-one
3256 days before any such state election, a different place or places for
3257 holding such election. Unless otherwise provided by special act, the
3258 place of holding city or borough elections shall be determined by the
3259 legislative body of such city or borough. Any provision of any charter
3260 or special act to the contrary notwithstanding, the place or places of
3261 holding an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days prior to
3262 such election, and such place or places shall not be changed within the
3263 period of thirty-one days prior to such election except that, if the
3264 municipal clerk and [registrars] the registrar of voters of a municipality
3265 unanimously find that any such polling place within such municipality
3266 has been rendered unusable within such period, they shall forthwith
3267 designate another polling place to be used in place of the one so
3268 rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such polling
3269 place has been so changed.

3270 Sec. 104. Section 9-168a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3271 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3272 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3273 *servng on said date of passage*):

3274 (a) Any provision of the general statutes to the contrary
3275 notwithstanding, in any municipality in which, at any election, or
3276 primary, as a result of the assembly, senatorial or congressional district
3277 lines in effect, there is a voting district or a part of a voting district
3278 which differs geographically from the district lines as constituted in a
3279 municipal election year, the [registrars] registrar of voters may either
3280 provide a suitable polling place therein or may, in lieu thereof, with
3281 the approval of the legislative body of the municipality, provide
3282 separate voting tabulators in the polling place of another voting
3283 district in said municipality for use by such electors. The [registrars]
3284 registrar of voters shall determine which polling place officials are
3285 necessary for such separate tabulators and shall provide the procedure
3286 to ensure that the electors use the proper voting tabulator, which
3287 procedure may include the [registrars] registrar of voters prescribing

3288 and providing receipts.

3289 (b) Any provision of the general statutes to the contrary
3290 notwithstanding, in any municipality in which, at any election or
3291 primary, as a result of the assembly, senatorial or congressional district
3292 lines in effect, there is a voting district with less than one thousand five
3293 hundred electors who vote for a combination of officers that no other
3294 electors of the town vote for, the [registrars] registrar of voters may
3295 either provide a suitable polling place therein or may, in lieu thereof,
3296 provide separate voting tabulators in the polling place of another
3297 voting district in said municipality for use by such electors. If the
3298 [registrars of voters provide] registrar of voters provides separate
3299 voting tabulators in the polling place of another voting district, [they]
3300 such registrar shall determine which polling place officials are
3301 necessary for the district containing less than one thousand five
3302 hundred electors and shall provide the procedure to ensure that the
3303 electors use the proper voting tabulators, which procedure may
3304 include the [registrars] registrar of voters prescribing and providing
3305 receipts.

3306 (c) In any election or primary where electors in more than one
3307 voting district vote in the same building and vote for all the same
3308 officers, and the law does not require separate returns, the [registrars]
3309 registrar of voters may combine the voting districts and polling places
3310 into one voting district and polling place, with or without integrating
3311 the voting districts on the check lists used at the election or primary.
3312 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall file a statement of their action
3313 with the town clerk before the election or primary and the town clerk
3314 shall label the polling place return form to show which districts are
3315 combined on such return.

3316 Sec. 105. Section 9-168b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3317 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3318 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3319 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3320 When in the written opinion of the [registrars] registrar of voters of
3321 any municipality, the lack of an existing convenient or suitable polling
3322 place within the lines of a particular voting district necessitates the
3323 designation of a polling place in an adjacent district, such [registrars]
3324 registrar may designate a convenient and suitable polling place in a
3325 voting district adjacent thereto, located as near as possible to the
3326 boundaries of the voting district for which designated. A separate
3327 location from the existing polling place for such adjacent district shall
3328 be designated, except that a separate room within such existing polling
3329 place may be designated. Such written opinion and designation shall
3330 be filed with the municipal clerk not later than ninety days before a
3331 regular election, or primary. Within ten days after such filing, the
3332 municipal clerk shall cause notice of such filing to be published in the
3333 newspaper having the greatest circulation in the town. Such
3334 designation shall remain in effect for future elections and primaries,
3335 until the [registrars file] registrar files a document with the municipal
3336 clerk stating that the designation of such polling place in an adjacent
3337 district is no longer necessary.

3338 Sec. 106. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-168d of the general
3339 statutes are repealed and the following are substituted in lieu thereof
3340 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
3341 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3342 (b) The [registrars] registrar of voters in each town, or the legislative
3343 body of the town, shall select as polling places only those sites which
3344 meet the standards of accessibility required under the State Building
3345 Code, as revised pursuant to section 29-269, if applicable, or this
3346 section. The [registrars] registrar of voters in each town shall file with
3347 the Secretary of the State either: (1) A certification, as prescribed by the
3348 Secretary of the State, that states that each polling place selected
3349 complies with the provisions set forth in this subsection, or (2) an
3350 application for waiver, as described in subsection (c) of this section.

3351 (c) [The registrars] Such registrar of voters or such legislative body

3352 may select a site not meeting such standards if no available site within
3353 the voting district or town can reasonably be made accessible if an
3354 application for waiver is filed with the Secretary of the State and
3355 approved by the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with
3356 Disabilities. An application for waiver shall be filed at least sixty days
3357 prior to the date on which the primary or election will be held. The
3358 Secretary of the State shall, within seven days after receipt of any such
3359 application, refer the application to said office of protection and
3360 advocacy. Said office shall, within thirty days, review the application
3361 and inform the Secretary of the State of its approval or disapproval.
3362 The Secretary of the State shall notify the applicant for waiver of such
3363 approval or disapproval within seven days after the secretary is so
3364 informed.

3365 Sec. 107. Section 9-168e of the general statutes is repealed and the
3366 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3367 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3368 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3369 If space is available at a polling place, the [registrars] registrar of
3370 voters or legislative body of the town in which the polling place is
3371 located shall designate two or more parking spaces for motor vehicles
3372 (1) which display the special parking identification card or bear the
3373 special set of number plates provided for in section 14-253a or (2)
3374 which are operated by infirm persons who are sixty-five years of age
3375 or older and who do not qualify for such a card.

3376 Sec. 108. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3378 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3379 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3380 The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or
3381 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,
3382 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The [registrars]

3383 registrar of voters of any municipality taking such action shall provide
3384 a suitable polling place in each district but, if the [registrars fail to
3385 agree] registrar fails to make a determination as to the location of any
3386 polling place or places, the legislative body shall determine the
3387 location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election shall be
3388 determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and such
3389 polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-one
3390 days except that, if the municipal clerk and [registrars] the registrar of
3391 voters of a municipality [unanimously] both find that any such polling
3392 place within such municipality has been rendered unusable within
3393 such period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place to be
3394 used in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give adequate
3395 notice that such polling place has been so changed. The [registrars]
3396 registrar of voters shall keep separate lists of the electors residing in
3397 each district and shall appoint for each district a moderator in
3398 accordance with the provisions of section 9-229, as amended by this
3399 act, and such other election officials as are required by law, and shall
3400 designate one of the moderators so appointed or any other elector of
3401 such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of declaring the
3402 results of elections in the whole municipality. The [registrars] registrar
3403 may also designate a deputy head moderator to assist the head
3404 moderator in the performance of his duties provided the deputy head
3405 moderator and the head moderator shall not be enrolled in the same
3406 major party, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 9-372, as amended
3407 by this act. The selectmen, town clerk, [registrars] registrar of voters
3408 and all other officers of the municipality shall perform the duties
3409 required of them by law with respect to elections in each voting district
3410 established in accordance with this section. Voting district lines shall
3411 not be drawn by a municipality so as to conflict with the lines of
3412 congressional districts, senate districts or assembly districts as
3413 established by law, except (1) as provided in section 9-169d and (2) that
3414 as to municipal elections, any part of a split voting district containing
3415 less than two hundred electors may be combined with another voting
3416 district adjacent thereto from which all and the same officers are

3417 elected at such municipal election. Any change in the boundaries of
3418 voting districts made within ninety days prior to any election or
3419 primary shall not apply with respect to such election or primary. The
3420 provisions of this section shall prevail over any contrary provision of
3421 any charter or special act.

3422 Sec. 109. Subsection (a) of section 9-172b of the general statutes is
3423 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3424 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
3425 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3426 (a) In each municipality or political subdivision in which a special
3427 election or referendum is to be held, the [registrars] registrar of voters
3428 shall prepare an updated list of the names and addresses of those
3429 persons who acquired voting privileges after the completion of the
3430 revised registry list and prior to the day of such special election or
3431 referendum. In each such municipality or political subdivision, not
3432 later than the day before such special election or referendum, such
3433 [registrars] registrar of voters shall cause to be completed and printed
3434 such list arranged as provided in section 9-35, as amended by this act,
3435 and certified by [them] such registrar to be correct, and shall retain a
3436 sufficient number of copies to be used by [them] such registrar at such
3437 election or referendum for the purpose of checking the names of those
3438 who vote, provided the names of any persons who acquired such
3439 voting privileges within thirty days before such special election or
3440 referendum may be inserted on such printed list in writing.

3441 Sec. 110. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-174a of the general
3442 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3443 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*
3444 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3445 (a) For each municipality, the [registrars] registrar of voters, in
3446 consultation with the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency
3447 contingency plan for elections, primaries and referenda to be held

3448 within such municipality. Such plan shall include, but not be limited
3449 to, (1) solutions for ballot shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in
3450 the event of (A) a shortage or absence of poll workers, (B) a loss of
3451 power, (C) a fire or the sounding of an alarm within a polling place,
3452 (D) voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural
3453 disaster, (F) the need to remove a poll worker or moderator and to
3454 replace such worker or moderator, and (G) disorder in and around the
3455 polling place.

3456 (b) Not later than six months after the adoption of a model plan by
3457 the Secretary of the State provided for in regulations adopted pursuant
3458 to subsection (d) of this section, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall
3459 submit the plan created under subsection (a) of this section to the
3460 legislative body of such municipality or, in a municipality where the
3461 legislative body is a town meeting or representative town meeting, the
3462 board of selectmen, for approval. Upon approval, such plan shall
3463 remain on file with the municipal clerk until such plan is amended by
3464 the [registrars] registrar of voters, in consultation with the municipal
3465 clerk, and approved by the legislative body of the municipality or, in a
3466 municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting or
3467 representative town meeting, the board of selectmen. If, not later than
3468 six months after the adoption of a model plan by the Secretary, a
3469 municipality fails to create and approve an emergency contingency
3470 plan, the municipality shall be deemed to have adopted the model
3471 plan adopted by the Secretary.

3472 Sec. 111. Section 9-174b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3473 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3474 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3475 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3476 (a) Each candidate on a ballot for any election, as defined in section
3477 9-1, may provide to the [registrars] registrar of voters of any town in
3478 which such ballot shall be voted upon the name and contact
3479 information, including instructions regarding leaving a message, for an

3480 individual who should be notified in the event that the hours of a
3481 polling place may be or have been extended, as provided in subsection
3482 (b) of this section.

3483 (b) If the [registrars] registrar of voters of a town are aware of any
3484 proceeding in court or order of a court concerning the extension of the
3485 hours of any polling place in such town beyond those hours provided
3486 in section 9-174 or 9-438, the [registrars] registrar shall immediately
3487 notify any individual identified in subsection (a) of this section for
3488 each candidate on any ballot to be voted upon at such polling place of
3489 the proceeding or order. If [a] the registrar fails to reach such
3490 individual on a first attempt, the registrar shall leave a message for
3491 such individual pursuant to instructions provided by such individual
3492 under subsection (a) of this section. Any registrar who notifies an
3493 individual of a proceeding shall not be required to notify such
3494 individual of the outcome of such proceeding.

3495 Sec. 112. Section 9-183b of the general statutes is repealed and the
3496 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3497 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3498 *serving on said date of passage*):

3499 In 1994, 1996, and quadrennially thereafter, two-thirds of the total
3500 number of justices of the peace in each town shall be selected in
3501 accordance with the provisions of this section. Such percentage shall be
3502 rounded down to the nearest whole number of justices of the peace.
3503 The political parties which are major parties, as defined in
3504 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of section 9-372, as amended by
3505 this act, shall each be entitled to nominate an equal number of the total
3506 number of justices of the peace to be selected in each town under this
3507 section, provided in towns where the number of justices of the peace to
3508 be nominated under this section is not divisible by the number of
3509 political parties entitled to nominate justices of the peace under this
3510 section, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall determine by lot which
3511 of said parties may nominate one more justice of the peace than may

3512 be nominated by the other party or parties. Such nomination by such
3513 parties shall qualify the nominees to serve as justices of the peace. Such
3514 nomination shall be made within the time limits prescribed in section
3515 9-391 for endorsing candidates for nomination for municipal offices to
3516 be voted upon at a state election, for a term of two years to begin the
3517 first Monday of January in 1995, for any such nomination made in
3518 1994, and for a term of four years to begin the first Monday of January
3519 in the year succeeding any such nomination made in 1996, or
3520 thereafter. Primaries for justices of the peace shall be by slate and shall
3521 be held on the same day as primaries for municipal offices to be voted
3522 upon at a state election.

3523 Sec. 113. Section 9-194 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3524 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3525 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3526 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3527 [The registrars of voters, deputy registrars and assistants shall
3528 receive for their] The registrar of voters, the deputy registrar of voters
3529 and any assistant registrar of voters shall receive for such official's
3530 services such sum as may be allowed by the selectmen, and all
3531 expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties shall be audited by
3532 the selectmen and paid by the town, but, in no case, shall such
3533 compensation be regulated by the number of names registered.

3534 Sec. 114. Section 9-228a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3535 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3536 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3537 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3538 (a) The [registrars] registrar of voters of each municipality shall, not
3539 later than thirty-one days prior to each municipal, state or federal
3540 election or primary, certify to the Secretary of the State, in writing, the
3541 location of each polling place that will be used for such election or
3542 primary. Such certification shall detail the name, address, relevant

3543 contact information and corresponding federal, state and municipal
3544 districts associated with each polling place used for such election or
3545 primary.

3546 (b) The [registrars] registrar of voters of each municipality shall,
3547 prior to each municipal, state or federal election or primary, provide a
3548 written report to the Secretary of the State setting forth the names and
3549 addresses of each moderator for each polling place location disclosed
3550 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

3551 (c) The Secretary of the State shall have the authority to disqualify
3552 any moderator appointed by the [registrars] registrar of voters if, after
3553 consultation with [both registrars of voters] such registrar, the
3554 Secretary determines such moderator has committed material
3555 misconduct, material neglect of duty or material incompetence in the
3556 discharge of his or her duties as a moderator. If the Secretary
3557 disqualifies a moderator, the Secretary shall share his or her findings
3558 upon which the disqualification was based with the [registrars]
3559 registrar of voters.

3560 Sec. 115. Section 9-229 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3561 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3562 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3563 *serving on said date of passage*):

3564 (a) [The registrars of voters in the several towns and, in towns
3565 where there are different registrars for different voting districts, the
3566 registrars of voters in such districts] The registrars of voters of the
3567 several towns shall appoint the moderators of regular and special state
3568 and municipal elections and primaries in their respective towns [or
3569 districts] and any voting districts therein. For the purpose of providing
3570 a reserve group of persons who may serve as moderators, the
3571 registrars shall designate alternate moderators from among those
3572 persons chosen as official checkers, or tabulator tenders, in the
3573 following minimum numbers: In towns with one or more but not

3574 exceeding three voting districts, one alternate moderator; in towns
3575 with four or more but not exceeding eight voting districts, two
3576 alternate moderators; in towns with more than eight voting districts, a
3577 number of alternate moderators equal to one-fourth of the number of
3578 voting districts rounded off to the nearest multiple of four. [In case the
3579 registrars fail to agree in the choice of a moderator or alternate
3580 moderator, the choice shall be determined between such registrars by
3581 lot. In the case of a primary, the registrar, as defined in section 9-372,
3582 shall so appoint such moderators and alternate moderators.]
3583 Moderators and alternate moderators shall be appointed at least
3584 twenty days before the election or primary. The [registrars] registrar of
3585 voter of each town shall submit a list of the names of such moderators
3586 and alternate moderators to the municipal clerk, which list shall be
3587 made available for public inspection by such clerk. Each person
3588 appointed to serve as moderator or alternate moderator shall be
3589 certified by the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions
3590 of subsection (c) of this section, except as provided in subsection (d) of
3591 this section or section 9-436, as amended by this act.

3592 (b) The Secretary of the State shall (1) request registrars of voters to
3593 volunteer to serve as instructors for moderators and alternate
3594 moderators, (2) select registrars from among such volunteers to serve
3595 as such instructors, (3) establish a curriculum for instructional sessions
3596 for moderators and alternate moderators, (4) establish the number of
3597 such instructional sessions, provided at least one such instructional
3598 session shall be held in each congressional district in each calendar
3599 year, (5) train the instructors for such sessions, and (6) certify
3600 moderators and alternate moderators. The curriculum for such
3601 instructional sessions shall include, without limitation, procedures for
3602 counting and recording absentee ballots, "hands on" training in the use
3603 of voting tabulators, and the duties of a moderator in the conduct of a
3604 primary and election. The Secretary may employ assistants on a
3605 temporary basis within existing budgetary resources for the purpose of
3606 implementing the provisions of this section. Such assistants shall not

3607 be subject to the provisions of chapter 67. The instructors shall conduct
3608 instructional sessions for moderators and alternate moderators in
3609 accordance with their training by the Secretary of the State and the
3610 curriculum for such sessions. Any elector may attend one or more of
3611 such instructional sessions. Each instructor shall provide the Secretary
3612 of the State with the name and address of each person who completes
3613 such a session.

3614 (c) The Secretary shall conduct certification sessions for moderators
3615 and alternate moderators each year at times and places to be
3616 determined by said Secretary, provided at least eight such sessions
3617 shall be held each calendar year and at least one such session shall be
3618 conducted prior to every primary. The Secretary shall certify each
3619 person who successfully completes an instructional session conducted
3620 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and
3621 an examination administered by the Secretary, as eligible to serve as
3622 moderator or alternate moderator at any election or primary held
3623 during the time such certification is effective, except the Secretary shall
3624 not certify any person as moderator or alternate moderator who has
3625 been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of
3626 competent jurisdiction, any (1) felony involving fraud, forgery,
3627 larceny, embezzlement or bribery, or (2) criminal offense under this
3628 title. Any such certification made on or after October 1, 2011, shall be
3629 effective for two years from the date of such certification. Only those
3630 persons who attend and are thereby certified at such session shall be
3631 eligible to serve as moderators on election or primary day, except as
3632 provided in subsection (d) of this section or section 9-436, as amended
3633 by this act. The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in
3634 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the Secretary deems
3635 necessary to implement the certification process under this section.

3636 (d) If the person designated as moderator is unable to serve for any
3637 reason, a certified alternate moderator shall serve as moderator. If such
3638 certified alternate moderator is not called upon to serve as moderator,
3639 he shall serve in another capacity as an election official on election or

3640 primary day. If any town or voting district lacks a moderator due to
3641 the death, disability or withdrawal of a certified moderator or alternate
3642 moderator, or due to the disqualification of a moderator for any
3643 reason, including failure to attend an instructional session as required
3644 by this section, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall appoint a new
3645 moderator for such town or voting district in the manner provided in
3646 this section. Such new moderator shall attend an instructional session
3647 and a certification session conducted in accordance with the provisions
3648 of this section. If all such sessions have been conducted at the time of
3649 appointment of the new moderator, the new moderator shall receive
3650 instruction from the [registrars who appointed the new moderator]
3651 registrar.

3652 Sec. 116. Section 9-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3653 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3654 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3655 *servicing on said date of passage*):

3656 The [registrars] registrar of voters may request the head of the
3657 police department of the municipality, or, if none, a constable serving
3658 such municipality, to provide police protection at any polling place of
3659 any regular or special state or municipal election or primary where
3660 they may anticipate disorder. The moderator of such election or
3661 primary may, when any disorder arises in such election or primary
3662 and the offender refuses to submit to the moderator's lawful authority,
3663 order any officer with power of arrest to take the offender into custody
3664 and, if necessary, to remove the offender from such election or primary
3665 until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until such election
3666 or primary is closed, and thereupon such officer may command all
3667 necessary assistance. Any person refusing to assist when commanded
3668 shall be liable to the same penalties as for refusing to assist constables
3669 in the execution of their duties, but no person commanded to assist
3670 shall be deprived of such person's right to vote at such election or
3671 primary, nor shall the offender be so deprived any longer than the
3672 offender refuses to conform to order.

3673 Sec. 117. Subsection (a) of section 9-232 of the general statutes is
3674 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3675 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
3676 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3677 (a) Each registrar of voters may appoint one or more challengers in
3678 [his town or district] such registrar's town or any voting district
3679 therein, one of whom may be present at the offering of any vote; and
3680 any such challenger or any elector may challenge the right of any
3681 person offering to vote, on the ground of want of identity with the
3682 person on whose name the vote is offered, or disfranchisement or lack
3683 of bona fide residence, and the moderator shall decide upon the right
3684 of the person so challenged to vote.

3685 Sec. 118. Section 9-232e of the general statutes is repealed and the
3686 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3687 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3688 *serving on said date of passage*):

3689 Any person requesting a challenged ballot and entitled thereto shall
3690 announce his or her name to the official checkers. [The registrars of
3691 voters or the assistant registrar of voters] The registrar of voters or any
3692 assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall write, in red ink,
3693 before the elector's name on the registry list the initials "CB". The
3694 challenged ballot shall be a regular ballot. After the voter has so
3695 announced his or her name, the moderator shall deliver to such voter a
3696 regular ballot together with a serially-numbered envelope marked
3697 "Challenged Ballot". The challenged voter shall forthwith mark the
3698 ballot in the presence of the moderator in such manner that the
3699 moderator shall not know how the ballot is marked. The challenged
3700 voter shall then fold the ballot in the presence of the moderator so as to
3701 conceal the markings and deposit and seal it in the serially-numbered
3702 envelope. The challenged voter shall then deliver such envelope to the
3703 moderator. The moderator shall retain all such envelopes in an
3704 envelope provided by the [registrars] registrar of voters that shall be

3705 sealed immediately following the close of the polls. Such envelope
3706 shall be delivered to the head moderator who shall file the envelope
3707 with the municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall retain such
3708 envelope until the time when such envelope may be destroyed.

3709 Sec. 119. Section 9-232j of the general statutes is repealed and the
3710 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3711 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3712 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3713 The moderator of the election in each voting district shall appear at
3714 the office of the town clerk not later than eight o'clock p.m. of the day
3715 before an election for federal office. At such time, the town clerk shall
3716 provide a provisional ballot packet to such moderator or moderators.
3717 Each packet shall include: (1) The appropriate number of provisional
3718 ballots for federal office provided by the Secretary of the State, which
3719 shall be equal to not less than one per cent of the number of electors
3720 who are eligible to vote in the voting district served by the moderator,
3721 or such other number as the municipal clerk and the [registrars]
3722 registrar agree is sufficient to protect electors' voting rights, (2) the
3723 appropriate number of serially-numbered envelopes prescribed by the
3724 Secretary, (3) a provisional ballot inventory form, (4) a provisional
3725 ballot depository envelope, and (5) other necessary forms prescribed
3726 by the Secretary.

3727 Sec. 120. Section 9-232l of the general statutes is repealed and the
3728 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3729 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3730 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3731 (a) An individual may apply for and be issued a provisional ballot if
3732 (1) the individual appears at the polling place and declares that such
3733 individual is an elector in the town in which the individual desires to
3734 vote and that the individual is eligible to vote in the primary or
3735 election for federal office in the polling place, but the name of the

3736 individual does not appear on the official registry list for such polling
3737 place, and (2) the [registrars determine] registrar determines that such
3738 name cannot be restored under section 9-42, as amended by this act, or
3739 transferred from another polling place under section 9-35, as amended
3740 by this act.

3741 (b) If the moderator decides that an elector, whose name appears on
3742 the registry list and who has been challenged pursuant to sections 9-
3743 232 to 9-232f, inclusive, as amended by this act, is not eligible to vote in
3744 the primary or election for federal office, such elector may apply for
3745 and cast a provisional ballot upon the execution of a written
3746 affirmation by the elector at the polling place affirming that the elector
3747 is qualified to vote in the election or primary for federal office in the
3748 polling place and has neither offered himself to vote nor voted in
3749 person or by absentee ballot at said election or primary for federal
3750 office at the polling place.

3751 (c) Such application for provisional ballot shall be prescribed by the
3752 Secretary of the State, executed before an election official and include a
3753 written affirmation, under penalty of false statement in absentee
3754 balloting pursuant to section 9-359a, which shall be in the form
3755 substantially as follows:

3756 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under
3757 penalties of false statement, that:

3758 1. I am an elector in the town indicated.

3759 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for
3760 federal office today in the town and polling place indicated.

3761 3.a. My name does not appear on the official list of eligible voters for
3762 the polling place indicated, and the polling place officials called the
3763 [registrars] registrar of voters and were told that my name did not
3764 appear on the active registry list for this town for at least one of the
3765 four years previous or on one of the preliminary active registry lists for

3766 this year; or

3767 b. The moderator decided that I am not eligible to vote for federal
3768 office in the town indicated for the reason of disfranchisement, lack of
3769 identity, lack of bona fide residence or failure to present the prescribed
3770 identification required for new electors after January 1, 2003, indicated.

3771 4. My residence address is located in the voting district that this
3772 polling place serves.

3773 5. I have not voted and I will not vote otherwise than by this ballot
3774 in person or by absentee ballot at this election or primary for federal
3775 office.

3776 6. I apply for a provisional ballot for federal office.

3777 Sec. 121. Section 9-232m of the general statutes is repealed and the
3778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3779 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3780 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3781 Upon receipt of an application for provisional ballot, the moderator
3782 shall provide the applicant with a provisional ballot and a serially-
3783 numbered envelope and shall make a record of such issuance on the
3784 provisional ballot inventory form. The applicant shall forthwith mark
3785 the ballot in the presence of a polling place official in such manner that
3786 the official shall not know how the ballot is marked. The applicant
3787 shall then fold the ballot in the presence of the polling place official so
3788 as to conceal the markings and deposit and seal it in the serially-
3789 numbered envelope in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the
3790 State. The polling place official shall provide such documentation to
3791 the elector so the elector may later verify whether the elector's
3792 provisional ballot was counted, and shall deposit the provisional ballot
3793 and envelope in the provisional ballot depository envelope. The elector
3794 shall then immediately leave the room. The [registrars] registrar of
3795 voters shall provide a free access system restricted to the elector who

3796 cast the ballot to verify if the provisional ballot was counted, and if the
3797 ballot was not counted, [the] any reason that the ballot was not
3798 counted.

3799 Sec. 122. Section 9-232n of the general statutes is repealed and the
3800 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3801 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3802 *-serving on said date of passage*):

3803 Immediately after the close of the polls, the moderator shall seal the
3804 provisional ballot depository envelope and deliver such envelope to
3805 the [registrars] registrar of voters of the town. The [registrars] registrar
3806 of voters shall forthwith verify the information contained with each
3807 provisional ballot. If the [registrars] registrar of voters [determine]
3808 determines that the applicant is eligible to vote, [they shall note their
3809 decision] such registrar shall note such determination on the outer
3810 envelope of the ballot and open and count the provisional ballot in
3811 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive,
3812 and procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the State. If the
3813 [registrars of voters are] registrar of voters is unable to determine that
3814 the applicant is eligible to vote or determine that the applicant is not
3815 eligible to vote, the applicant's provisional ballot sealed envelope shall
3816 be marked "rejected", along with the reason for such rejection, and
3817 signed by the [registrars] registrar of voters. The [registrars] registrar
3818 of voters shall verify and count all provisional ballots in [their] the
3819 registrar's town not later than six days after the election or primary.
3820 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall forthwith prepare and sign in
3821 duplicate a report showing the number of provisional ballots received
3822 from electors, the number rejected and the number counted, and
3823 showing the additional votes counted for each candidate for federal
3824 office on the provisional ballots. The [registrars] registrar of voters
3825 shall file one report with the town clerk and shall seal one in the
3826 depository envelope with the provisional ballots and file such
3827 depository envelope with the town clerk. The depository envelope
3828 shall be preserved by the town clerk for the period of time required to

3829 preserve counted absentee ballots for federal elections. The head
3830 moderator shall forthwith file a corrected return for federal offices
3831 with the town clerk and the Secretary showing (1) the final votes after
3832 any recanvass, pursuant to sections 9-311 to 9-311b, inclusive, as
3833 amended by this act, the votes on provisional ballots and the totals,
3834 and (2) the number of provisional ballots received from electors, the
3835 number rejected and the number counted, as reported by the
3836 [registrars] registrar of voters.

3837 Sec. 123. Section 9-233 of the general statutes is repealed and the
3838 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3839 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3840 *servng on said date of passage*):

3841 Prior to each election, the [registrars] registrar of voters of each
3842 town shall appoint, for each voting tabulator to be used at such
3843 election, at least one and not more than two electors of such town as a
3844 voting tabulator tender, unless the [registrars of voters have] registrar
3845 of voters has established two shifts for election officials under the
3846 provisions of section 9-258a, as amended by this act, in which case the
3847 [registrars] registrar shall appoint at least one and not more than two
3848 electors to be voting tabulator tenders, for each voting tabulator, for
3849 each shift.

3850 Sec. 124. Subsection (a) of section 9-234 of the general statutes is
3851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3852 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
3853 *registrar of voters servng on said date of passage*):

3854 (a) Each registrar of voters shall be present during the taking of the
3855 vote at any regular or special state or municipal election or primary in
3856 the registrar's of voters town. [or district.] The assistants in their
3857 respective districts shall, when requested by [either] the registrar of
3858 voters, be present at the taking of any such vote and discharge the
3859 duties of [registrars] the registrar of voters. Each registrar of voters

3860 shall appoint some suitable person to check the list manually on paper
3861 or electronically in each district, unless the [registrars of voters have]
3862 registrar of voters has established two shifts for election officials under
3863 the provisions of section 9-258a, as amended by this act, in which case
3864 [each] such registrar of voters shall appoint one such person for each
3865 district for each shift. Each such person, who is so appointed official
3866 checker, shall manually on paper or electronically check the name of
3867 each elector on the list when the elector offers the elector's vote, and no
3868 voting tabulator tender shall permit any vote to be cast upon the
3869 voting tabulator until the name has been so checked.

3870 Sec. 125. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 9-235 of the
3871 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3872 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
3873 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3874 (a) At least forty-eight hours prior to each election to be held in a
3875 municipality, [each] the registrar of voters in such municipality may
3876 appoint for each line of electors in each voting district therein, to serve
3877 as unofficial checkers, not more than four electors, [enrolled in the
3878 party with which the registrar is enrolled,] provided [a] the registrar
3879 may establish two or more shifts for unofficial checkers, in which case
3880 such registrar may appoint not more than four such unofficial checkers
3881 for each line of electors in each district for each shift. [The persons so
3882 appointed shall be designees of the town chairman of the party with
3883 which such registrar is enrolled, provided such town chairman shall
3884 submit the names of such designees in writing to such registrar at least
3885 forty-eight hours before the election. A registrar of voters shall, at the
3886 request of the town chairman of the party with which such registrar is
3887 enrolled, change such appointments of designees of such town
3888 chairman, at any time before the closing of the polls on the day of an
3889 election.]

3890 (b) Except for rows of candidates entitled to unofficial checkers
3891 under subsection (a) of this section, each group of three or more

3892 electors whose names appear in one single row on the ballot in a
3893 voting district, may designate not more than two electors of the state in
3894 which the voting district is located, to serve as unofficial checkers on
3895 behalf of the candidates whose names appear in such row. Such
3896 candidates shall submit a list of the names of such designees to the
3897 [registrars] registrar of voters at least forty-eight hours prior to the
3898 election. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall verify that each such
3899 designee is an elector of the state and shall appoint not more than two
3900 such designees to serve each such row of candidates. The [registrars]
3901 registrar of voters shall, at the request of such a group of three or more
3902 electors, change such designations at any time before the closing of the
3903 polls on the day of an election.

3904 (c) If such designation is not so made with respect to unofficial
3905 checkers for any voting district at an election, such registrar may
3906 appoint for such district not more than four electors of his own choice
3907 to serve as unofficial checkers, provided [a] the registrar may establish
3908 two or more shifts for unofficial checkers, in which case such registrar
3909 may appoint not more than four such unofficial checkers for each line
3910 of electors in each district for each shift, such appointment to be made
3911 at least twenty-four hours before the election, provided any candidates
3912 entitled to unofficial checkers under subsection (b) of this section are
3913 deemed to have waived their rights under this section if names of
3914 designees are not filed in a timely manner.

3915 (d) No candidate for an office in an election may be an unofficial
3916 checker at such election. [In municipalities divided into two voting
3917 districts in which registrars are elected for each district, such
3918 appointments may be made by the registrars in each district.] Such
3919 unofficial checkers, appointed under subsection (a) or (b) of this
3920 section, may remain within the polling place for the purpose of
3921 checking their own copy of the registry list to indicate the names of
3922 electors who have voted, and may enter and leave the restricted area
3923 surrounding the polling place during the hours of election or
3924 referendum for the purpose of taking such information outside said

3925 area or may communicate such information from the polling place by
3926 means of telephones provided by the party for which such checkers
3927 were appointed. If any such unofficial checker interferes with the
3928 orderly process of voting or attempts to influence any elector, he shall
3929 be evicted by the moderator. An unofficial checker appointed pursuant
3930 to this section may receive compensation from the municipality in
3931 which the election is held.

3932 (e) At least forty-eight hours before the opening of the polls at a
3933 referendum, the [registrars of voters may jointly] registrar of voters
3934 may appoint for each voting district not more than eight electors of the
3935 town to serve as unofficial checkers, provided the registrars notify (1)
3936 each committee and person on whose behalf a political committee
3937 statement of organization or a certificate of exemption has been filed
3938 for the referendum with the town clerk in accordance with chapter 155
3939 and (2) each other group known to be for and each other group known
3940 to be against the referendum issue, of the right of such committee,
3941 person or group to submit designees to the registrars of voters. Any
3942 person for or against a referendum question may request consideration
3943 for such appointment by notifying the registrars of voters at least forty-
3944 eight hours before the opening of the polls at the referendum,
3945 indicating his position on the referendum question. The registrars may
3946 appoint designees of one side alone if the other side chooses not to
3947 submit designees. A list of the names of persons who request such
3948 appointment and persons, groups or committees who are notified
3949 pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained by the registrars as a
3950 public record. If there are no requests or submissions for such
3951 appointments, the registrars shall not appoint any such unofficial
3952 checkers.

3953 Sec. 126. Section 9-235c of the general statutes is repealed and the
3954 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3955 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3956 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3957 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
3958 contrary or of any special act, charter or ordinance, any election,
3959 primary or referendum official may serve on a voluntary basis without
3960 compensation, if such official and [the registrars of voters or, in the
3961 case of a primary, the registrar of voters of the party conducting the
3962 primary,] the registrar of voters mutually agree.

3963 Sec. 127. Subsection (a) of section 9-236 of the general statutes is
3964 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3965 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
3966 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

3967 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
3968 shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or
3969 himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
3970 submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer
3971 any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a
3972 radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to
3973 any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach
3974 leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any
3975 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.
3976 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit (1)
3977 parent-teacher associations or parent-teacher organizations from
3978 holding bake sales or other fund-raising activities on the day of any
3979 primary, referendum or election in any school used as a polling place,
3980 provided such sales or activities shall not be held in the room in which
3981 the election booths are located, (2) the [registrars] registrar of voters
3982 from directing the officials at a primary, referendum or election to
3983 distribute, within the restricted area, adhesive labels on which are
3984 imprinted the words "I Voted Today", or (3) the [registrars] registrar of
3985 voters in a primary, election or referendum from [jointly] permitting
3986 nonpartisan activities to be conducted in a room other than the room
3987 in which the election booths are located. The [registrars may jointly]
3988 registrar may impose such conditions and limitations on such
3989 nonpartisan activity as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly process

3990 of voting. The moderator shall evict any person who in any way
3991 interferes with the orderly process of voting.

3992 Sec. 128. Section 9-236a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3993 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
3994 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
3995 *servoing on said date of passage*):

3996 Any town, on its own initiative or upon a request by the Secretary of
3997 the State, and with the approval of the legislative body of the town or,
3998 in the case of a town in which the legislative body is a town meeting,
3999 the board of selectmen, may require a spare voting tabulator or ballot
4000 box to be provided inside any polling place or in a room adjacent to
4001 the polling place, for the educational use of students from
4002 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive. Upon such approval, the
4003 [registrars] registrar of voters shall establish procedures for the use of
4004 the tabulator or ballot box, including but not limited to: (1) Location
4005 and preparation of the tabulator or ballot box, (2) duties of tabulator or
4006 ballot box tenders, and (3) canvassing the returns. Any such tabulator
4007 shall be in addition to the demonstrator or spare voting tabulator
4008 required by section 9-260. Ballots completed by students under this
4009 section shall be unofficial, and polling place officials shall not be
4010 required to handle or count such ballots. Each student who will be
4011 using such tabulator or ballot box inside a polling place or a room
4012 adjacent to the polling place shall be accompanied by an adult. The
4013 supervisor of such students for the purposes of this section shall
4014 submit the names of all adults who will be working with such students
4015 to the [registrars] registrar at least forty-eight hours before the election.

4016 Sec. 129. Section 9-237a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4017 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4018 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4019 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4020 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall provide a telephone for each

4021 polling place for the use of the election officials to aid in clarifying the
4022 status of electors whose right to vote is questioned, if a telephone is not
4023 available and readily accessible for such purpose.

4024 Sec. 130. Subsection (a) of section 9-238 of the general statutes is
4025 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4026 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
4027 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4028 (a) Except as provided in section 9-272, as amended by this act,
4029 voting tabulators shall be used at all elections held in any municipality,
4030 or in any part thereof, for voting and registering and counting votes
4031 cast at such elections for officers, and upon all questions or
4032 amendments submitted at such elections. The board of selectmen of
4033 each town, the common council of each city and the warden and
4034 burgesses of each borough shall purchase or lease, or otherwise
4035 provide, for use at elections in each such municipality a number of
4036 voting tabulators approved by the Secretary of the State. Different
4037 voting tabulators may be provided for different voting districts in the
4038 same municipality. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection
4039 to the contrary, the [registrars] registrar of voters of a municipality
4040 may determine the number of voting tabulators that shall be provided
4041 for use at any special election in such municipality, provided the
4042 [registrars] registrar shall provide at least one voting tabulator in the
4043 municipality or, in a municipality divided into voting districts, at least
4044 one voting tabulator in each such district.

4045 Sec. 131. Section 9-240 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4046 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4047 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4048 *serving on said date of passage*):

4049 The board of selectmen in each town, unless otherwise provided by
4050 law, shall provide or may authorize the [registrars] registrar of voters
4051 to provide a suitable room or rooms and voting tabulator booths for

4052 holding all elections. The interior of the booths shall be secure from
4053 outside observation. Said board shall provide for each polling place, in
4054 accordance with the requirements of section 9-238, as amended by this
4055 act, one or more voting tabulators in complete working order, and
4056 shall preserve and keep them in repair and have the custody of the
4057 voting tabulators, and the care and custody of the furniture and
4058 equipment of the polling place, when not in use at an election.

4059 Sec. 132. Subdivision (5) of section 9-242b of the general statutes is
4060 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4061 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
4062 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4063 (5) Not later than five business days after each election in which a
4064 direct recording electronic voting tabulator is used, the [registrars of
4065 voters or their designees, representing at least two political parties,]
4066 registrar of voters or any designee thereof shall conduct a manual
4067 audit of the votes recorded on at least (A) two direct recording
4068 electronic voting tabulators used in each assembly district, or (B) a
4069 number of direct recording electronic voting tabulators equal to fifty
4070 per cent of the number of voting districts in the municipality,
4071 whichever is less. Not later than five business days after a primary in
4072 which a direct recording electronic voting tabulator is used, the
4073 registrar of voters [of the party holding the primary] shall conduct
4074 such a manual audit by designating two or more individuals [, one of
4075 whom may be the registrar,] representing at least two candidates in the
4076 primary. The tabulators audited under this subdivision shall be
4077 selected in a random drawing that is announced in advance to the
4078 public and is open to the public. All direct recording electronic voting
4079 tabulators used within an assembly district shall have an equal chance
4080 of being selected for the audit. The Secretary of the State shall
4081 determine and publicly announce the method of conducting the
4082 random drawing, before the election. The manual audit shall consist of
4083 a manual tabulation of the contemporaneously produced, individual,
4084 permanent, voter-verified, paper records produced by each voting

4085 tabulator subject to the audit and a comparison of such count, with
4086 respect to all candidates and any questions or proposals appearing on
4087 the ballot, with the electronic vote tabulation reported for such voting
4088 tabulator on the day of the election or primary. Such audit shall not be
4089 required if a recanvass has been, or will be, conducted on the voting
4090 tabulator. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open
4091 to public observation. A reconciliation sheet, on a form prescribed by
4092 the Secretary of the State, that reports and compares the manual and
4093 electronic vote tabulations of each candidate and question or proposal
4094 on each such voting tabulator, along with any discrepancies, shall be
4095 prepared by the audit officials, signed and forthwith filed with the
4096 town clerk of the municipality and the Secretary of the State. If any
4097 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, voter-verified,
4098 paper record is found to have been damaged, the same procedures
4099 described in subdivision (3) of this section for substituting such record
4100 with the voting tabulator generated, individual, permanent, paper
4101 record produced by the voting tabulator bearing the identical tabulator
4102 generated unique identifier as the damaged record shall apply and be
4103 utilized by the audit officials to complete the reconciliation. The
4104 reconciliation sheet shall be open to public inspection and may be used
4105 as prima facie evidence of a discrepancy in any contest arising
4106 pursuant to chapter 149. If the audit officials are unable to reconcile the
4107 manual count with the electronic vote tabulation and discrepancies,
4108 the Secretary of the State shall conduct such further investigation of the
4109 voting tabulator malfunction as may be necessary for the purpose of
4110 reviewing whether or not to decertify the voting tabulator or
4111 tabulators and may order a recanvass in accordance with the
4112 provisions of subdivision (4) of this section.

4113 Sec. 133. Section 9-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4114 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4115 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4116 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4117 (a) [Such registrars of voters shall give written notice] The registrar

4118 of voters shall give to the chairpersons of the town committees of the
4119 political parties [of the day and place a registrar or registrars] written
4120 notice of the day and place such registrar will begin the preparation,
4121 test voting and sealing of the tabulators for the election, including any
4122 additional tabulators required under section 9-238, as amended by this
4123 act. Such notice shall be given at least one day before the work on the
4124 preparation of such tabulators begins.

4125 (b) Each such chairperson and any candidate for an office appearing
4126 on the ballot may be present, or may designate a watcher who may be
4127 present, during the preparation of such tabulators, but such
4128 chairpersons, candidates and watchers shall not interfere with, or
4129 assist in, the preparation of the tabulators.

4130 (c) [After the registrar or registrars have prepared the tabulators, the
4131 registrars of voters, or their designees,] After the registrar has prepared
4132 the tabulators, such registrar or any designee thereof shall test and seal
4133 such tabulators for use in the election. The chairpersons of the town
4134 committees of the political parties and any candidate for an office
4135 appearing on the ballot may also be present, or may designate a
4136 watcher who may be present, during the testing and sealing, but such
4137 chairpersons, candidates and watchers shall not interfere with the
4138 testing or sealing. All such persons who are present for the testing and
4139 sealing of the tabulators shall file a written report, as provided in
4140 section 9-245, as amended by this act, certifying (1) to the numbers of
4141 the tabulators, (2) as to whether all the candidate and question
4142 counters are set at zero (000), (3) as to the numbers registered on the
4143 protective counters, if provided, and the numbers on the seals, (4) that
4144 the ballot is properly prepared, and (5) that the tabulators have been
4145 test-voted and found to be working properly.

4146 Sec. 134. Section 9-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4147 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4148 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4149 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4150 The reports of the [registrars] registrar of voters, provided for under
4151 section 9-246, as amended by this act, and the report provided for
4152 under subsection (c) of section 9-244, as amended by this act, shall be
4153 filed with the municipal clerk and shall be kept by the municipal clerk
4154 for at least sixty days after the election for which the tabulators were so
4155 prepared.

4156 Sec. 135. Section 9-246 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4157 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4158 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4159 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4160 (a) The registrar [or registrars] shall file a written report of the
4161 condition of each tabulator certifying that (1) [they have] such registrar
4162 has prepared the tabulators, (2) all the counters are set at zero (000), (3)
4163 the ballot is properly prepared, (4) the tabulator has been properly
4164 adjusted according to the ballots, and (5) each tabulator is otherwise in
4165 readiness for the election. This report shall include the number of each
4166 tabulator and a statement of any defects or features of the tabulator
4167 that need attention or correction. The registrar [or registrars] shall also
4168 place upon each of the tabulators a numbered seal, secured in such a
4169 way that, before any movement of the registering or voting mechanism
4170 can be effected, such seal will be destroyed or broken. All voting
4171 tabulators shall be transferred to the polling places in charge of an
4172 elector authorized by the [registrars] registrar of voters under whose
4173 direction the voting tabulators are to be prepared, as provided in
4174 section 9-240a; and such elector shall certify to their delivery in good
4175 order. Additional tabulators required under section 9-238, as amended
4176 by this act, shall be so located by the [registrars] registrar of voters as
4177 to be available for immediate transfer to the polling places within the
4178 municipality. The registrar [or registrars] shall have custody of the
4179 keys of the voting tabulators.

4180 (b) The registrar [or registrars] shall file a written report detailing
4181 any repairs made to a tabulator on the day of an election. This report

4182 shall certify (1) the number of the tabulator, (2) the time when the
4183 problem occurred, (3) a summary description of the work performed,
4184 and (4) that no repairs were made to the tabulator, after any vote was
4185 cast on the day of an election, that would affect the manner in which
4186 votes were recorded on the tabulator.

4187 Sec. 136. Section 9-247 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4188 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4189 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4190 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4191 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall, before the day of the
4192 election, cause test ballots to be inserted in each tabulator to ensure
4193 that each tabulator is prepared and read and cause each other voting
4194 system approved by the Secretary of the State for use in the election,
4195 including, but not limited to, voting devices equipped for individuals
4196 with disabilities that comply with the provisions of the Help America
4197 Vote Act, P.L. 107-25, as amended from time to time, to be put in order
4198 in every way and set and adjust the same so that it shall be ready for
4199 use in voting when delivered at the polling place. Such [registrars]
4200 registrar of voters shall cause each voting system to be in order and set
4201 and adjusted, to be delivered at the polling place, together with all
4202 necessary furniture and appliances that go with the same, at the room
4203 where the election is to be held, and to be tested and operable not later
4204 than one hour prior to the opening of the polling place.

4205 Sec. 137. Section 9-248 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4206 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4207 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4208 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4209 When a voting tabulator is purchased or leased or otherwise
4210 provided for use in any municipality, the Secretary of the State shall
4211 prepare or approve samples of the following printed matter and
4212 supplies and shall furnish one of each to the officials of such

4213 municipality who have so provided such tabulator in accordance with
4214 the provisions of section 9-238, as amended by this act: (1) Directions
4215 for testing and preparing the voting tabulators for the election; (2) one
4216 certificate on which the [registrars] registrar of voters can certify that
4217 [they have] such registrar has properly tested and prepared the
4218 tabulator for the election; (3) one certificate on which some person
4219 other than the [registrars] registrar of voters who prepared the
4220 tabulator can certify that the tabulator has been examined and found to
4221 have been properly prepared for the election; (4) one certificate on
4222 which can be certified that party watchers have witnessed the testing
4223 and preparing of the tabulators; (5) one certificate that the tabulators
4224 have been delivered to polling places in good order; (6) one card for
4225 each polling place, stating the penalty for tampering with or injuring a
4226 voting tabulator; (7) two seals for sealing the tabulator; and (8) a report
4227 of an inspection of the tabulators by the moderator, [registrars]
4228 registrar and checkers, which inspection shall be made before the
4229 opening of the polls. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall, for each
4230 election, prepare and furnish said supplies for each voting tabulator, in
4231 conformity with said samples. The [registrars] registrar of voters shall
4232 also prepare and furnish to the election officials tally and return blanks
4233 in such manner as may be directed by the Secretary of the State, except
4234 that all blanks furnished by said Secretary throughout the state shall be
4235 uniform in their printing.

4236 Sec. 138. Subsection (a) of section 9-249 of the general statutes is
4237 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4238 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
4239 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4240 (a) Before each election, the [registrars] registrar of voters and the
4241 certified head moderator shall instruct the election officials. Any
4242 provision of the general statutes or of any special act to the contrary
4243 notwithstanding, election officials shall be appointed at least twenty
4244 days before the election except as provided in section 9-229, as
4245 amended by this act. The [registrars] registrar of voters and the

4246 certified head moderator shall instruct each election official who is to
4247 serve in a voting district in which a voting tabulator is to be used in the
4248 use of the tabulator and the election official's duties in connection
4249 therewith, and for the purpose of giving such instruction, such
4250 instructors shall call such meeting or meetings of the election officials
4251 as are necessary. Such instructors shall, without delay, file a report in
4252 the office of the municipal clerk and with the Secretary of the State, (1)
4253 stating that they have instructed the election officials named in the
4254 report and the time and place where such instruction was given, and
4255 (2) containing a signed statement from each such election official
4256 acknowledging that the official has received such instruction.

4257 Sec. 139. Section 9-253 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4259 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4260 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4261 When a major or minor party is entitled to nominate two or more
4262 candidates for a particular office, the order of the names of its
4263 candidates for such office appearing on the voting machine ballot label
4264 shall be determined by the [registrars] registrar of voters by lot in a
4265 ceremony which shall be open to the public, except as hereinafter
4266 provided. When such a candidate is nominated for the same office by
4267 more than one party, his name shall appear on each appropriate row
4268 on the voting machine ballot label in the same column in which it
4269 appears under the foregoing provision in either (1) the party row of the
4270 party with which he is enrolled or (2) the first party row on which his
4271 name is to appear if such candidate is an unaffiliated elector. The
4272 [registrars] registrar of voters shall provide at least five days' public
4273 notice for each ceremony held under this section. The ballot order of
4274 nominating petition candidates for multiple-opening offices shall be as
4275 prescribed in section 9-453r, as amended by this act.

4276 Sec. 140. Section 9-255 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4277 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*

4278 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4279 *serving on said date of passage):*

4280 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall provide for all polling places
4281 using voting tabulators at least two sample ballots that shall contain
4282 the offices, party designations, names of candidates, write-in slots and
4283 questions to be voted upon. On each such sample ballot shall be
4284 printed instructions as to the use of the voting tabulator, which
4285 instructions shall be approved by the Secretary of the State. Such
4286 sample ballots shall be so posted inside the polling place as to be
4287 visible to those within the polling place during the whole day of
4288 election. At least one of such sample ballots shall be so posted as to be
4289 visible to an elector being instructed on the use of the voting tabulator
4290 under section 9-260.

4291 Sec. 141. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-255a of the
4292 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4293 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
4294 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage):*

4295 (a) The [registrars] registrar of voters and municipal clerk from each
4296 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the
4297 State the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality
4298 that have been ordered for each election or primary to be held within
4299 such municipality. Such certification shall be on a form provided by
4300 the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,
4301 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each polling place in the
4302 municipality for the past four elections or primaries of similar nature
4303 to the election or primary to be held. The [registrars] registrar of voters
4304 and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such certification any
4305 other relevant factors that may be unique to each polling place in their
4306 municipality. Such certification shall be provided to the Secretary not
4307 later than thirty-one days prior to an election or twenty-one days prior
4308 to a primary.

4309 (b) If the [registrars] registrar of voters and municipal clerk of a
4310 municipality do not jointly submit the certification as set forth in
4311 subsection (a) of this section, such [registrars] registrar of voters and
4312 municipal clerk shall order a number of ballots equal to the total
4313 number of registered voters in their municipality for such election or
4314 primary.

4315 (c) The [registrars] registrar of voters and municipal clerk may
4316 jointly apply to the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the
4317 requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver
4318 request shall be submitted to the Secretary of the State, in writing, not
4319 later than the forty-fifth day before the election or the thirtieth day
4320 before the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for
4321 such waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver
4322 request, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk
4323 requesting a waiver, of the Secretary's response.

4324 Sec. 142. Section 9-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4325 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4326 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4327 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4328 The [registrars] registrar of voters of each municipality shall, not
4329 less than ten days prior to an election, file with the Secretary of the
4330 State a sample ballot identical with those to be provided for each
4331 polling place under section 9-255, as amended by this act. The
4332 Secretary of the State shall examine the sample ballot required to be
4333 filed under this section, and if such sample ballot contains an error, the
4334 Secretary of the State shall order the [registrars] registrar of voters to
4335 reprint a corrected sample ballot or to take other such action as the
4336 Secretary may deem appropriate.

4337 Sec. 143. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-258 of the general
4338 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
4339 (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office*

4340 *of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage):*

4341 (a) For municipalities with more than one voting district, the
4342 election officials of each polling place shall be electors of the state and
4343 shall consist of one moderator, at least one, but not more than two
4344 official checkers, two assistant registrars [of voters of opposite political
4345 parties] appointed pursuant to section 1 or 2 of this act, each of whom
4346 shall be residents of the town, not more than two challengers if the
4347 [registrars of voters have] registrar of voters has appointed challengers
4348 pursuant to section 9-232, as amended by this act, and at least one and
4349 not more than two ballot clerks and at least one but not more than two
4350 voting tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling
4351 place. A known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election
4352 official on election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that
4353 a municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the
4354 same office, may perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of
4355 the registrar of voters, the public convenience of the electors in any
4356 voting district so requires, provision shall be made for an additional
4357 line or lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of
4358 electors is established, at least one but not more than two additional
4359 official checkers and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks
4360 for each line of electors shall be appointed and, if more than one
4361 tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one and not more than two
4362 additional voting tabulator tenders shall be appointed for each
4363 additional machine so used. Head moderators, central counting
4364 moderators and absentee ballot counters appointed pursuant to law
4365 shall also be deemed election officials.

4366 (b) For municipalities with one voting district, the election officials
4367 of such polling place shall be electors of the state and shall consist of
4368 one moderator, at least one, but not more than two official checkers,
4369 not more than two challengers if the [registrars of voters have]
4370 registrar of voters has appointed challengers pursuant to section 9-232,
4371 as amended by this act, at least one and not more than two voting
4372 tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling place

4373 and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks. Additionally, such
4374 election officials may consist of [two registrars] the registrar of voters
4375 [of opposite political parties,] or two assistant registrars of voters, [of
4376 opposite political parties,] as the case may be, subject to the
4377 requirements of sections 9-259, as amended by this act, and 9-439,
4378 provided if the [registrars of voters are present in the polling place,
4379 they] registrar of voters is present in the polling place, such registrar
4380 shall appoint at least one designee to be present in [their] his or her
4381 office. A known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election
4382 official on election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that
4383 a municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the
4384 same office, may perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of
4385 the registrar of voters, the public convenience of the electors in any
4386 voting district so requires, provision shall be made for an additional
4387 line or lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of
4388 electors is established, at least one, but not more than two, additional
4389 official checkers for each line of electors shall be appointed and, if
4390 more than one tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one and not
4391 more than two additional voting tabulator tenders shall be appointed
4392 for each additional tabulator so used. Head moderators, central
4393 counting moderators and absentee ballot counters appointed pursuant
4394 to law shall be deemed to be election officials.

4395 Sec. 144. Section 9-258a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4396 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4397 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4398 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4399 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special acts
4400 or its charter, in each municipality the [registrars] registrar of voters, or
4401 any assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be may establish,
4402 except for unofficial checkers and the moderator, two shifts of election
4403 officials for each polling place. In each polling place for which two or
4404 more shifts of election officials have been provided in this section or
4405 section 9-235, as amended by this act, the moderator shall keep a

4406 written record of the specific hours and time served at the polls by
4407 each election official. In each such polling place, all members of second
4408 shifts, including official checkers, assistant registrars and ballot clerks
4409 of second shifts, shall be present at the closing of the polls and shall
4410 remain until all paperwork has been executed.

4411 Sec. 145. Section 9-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4412 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4413 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4414 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4415 (a) The moderator of the election in each municipality, voting
4416 district or ward shall appear at the office of the registrar of voters not
4417 later than eight o'clock p.m. of the day before the election and there
4418 receive from the registrar of voters the sample ballot, all checklists and
4419 other supplies necessary to conduct the election that have not been
4420 delivered previously. The moderator shall receive keys for each voting
4421 tabulator to be used in the polling place and sign a receipt for such.

4422 (b) On the morning of the election, the election officials shall meet at
4423 the room where the election is to be held at least forty-five minutes
4424 before the time for opening the polls. The moderator shall then cause
4425 the sample ballot and instructions to be posted and everything put in
4426 readiness for the commencement of voting at the hour of opening the
4427 polls. The moderator and [the registrars of voters, or the assistant
4428 registrars of voters] the registrar of voters, or any assistant registrar of
4429 voters, as the case may be, shall examine the numbers on the seals of
4430 the tabulator.

4431 (c) The moderator's return which the moderator receives from the
4432 [registrars] registrar of voters for all elections shall be in a form
4433 prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The moderator and [the
4434 registrars of voters, or the assistant registrars of voters] the registrar of
4435 voters, or any assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, before
4436 the polls are opened, shall indicate on the return: (1) The delivery of

4437 the tabulator; and (2) the numbers on the seals. Additionally, the
4438 moderator and [the registrars of voters, or the assistant registrars of
4439 voters] the registrar of voters, or any assistant registrar of voters, as the
4440 case may be, shall produce a zero tape indicating that the public
4441 counter is set at zero (000). The seal on the tabulator shall remain
4442 unbroken. If the seal is broken, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall
4443 be notified immediately and the tabulator tape shall be produced. If
4444 the tape does not show all zeros, the [registrars] registrar of voters
4445 shall be notified immediately and the tabulator shall not be used.

4446 (d) In addition to the requirements established in subsection (c) of
4447 this section, the return shall include a certificate, which shall be filled
4448 out after the polls have been closed and which indicates that the
4449 tabulator has been locked against voting and remains sealed and that
4450 also indicates the number of electors as shown on the public counter
4451 along with the number on all the seals. The moderators' returns shall
4452 show the total number of votes cast for each office, the number of votes
4453 cast for each candidate and the number of votes for persons not
4454 nominated, which shall be certified by the moderator and [registrars of
4455 voters, or assistant registrars] the registrar of voters, or any assistant
4456 registrar of voters, as the case may be.

4457 Sec. 146. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-261 of the
4458 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4459 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
4460 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4461 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
4462 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street
4463 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or
4464 checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the
4465 election officials present to hear the same. Each elector who registered
4466 to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a
4467 "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, as
4468 required by section 9-23r, as amended by this act, shall present to the

4469 official checker or checkers, before the elector votes, either a current
4470 and valid photo identification that shows the elector's name and
4471 address or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government
4472 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name
4473 and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the
4474 official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any
4475 other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name
4476 and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2) on a
4477 form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, write the elector's
4478 residential address and date of birth, print the elector's name and sign
4479 a statement under penalty of false statement that the elector is the
4480 elector whose name appears on the official checklist. Such form shall
4481 clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate form shall be
4482 used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted form of
4483 identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the official
4484 checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the official
4485 checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector completes
4486 the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar of voters
4487 or [the] any assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall
4488 examine the information on such form and either instruct the official
4489 checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the official
4490 checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that
4491 the form is incomplete or inaccurate.

4492 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is
4493 unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary
4494 incapacity, the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or
4495 her. [The registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters] The
4496 registrar of voters, or any assistant registrar of voters, as the case may
4497 be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such elector.
4498 The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the provisions
4499 of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the
4500 presence of the election officials in such manner that the election
4501 officials shall not know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall

4502 place the ballot in the privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark
4503 the elector's name on the official voter list, manually on paper or
4504 electronically, as having voted in person and deliver such ballot and
4505 privacy sleeve to the voting tabulator where such ballot shall be placed
4506 into the tabulator, by the election official, for counting. The moderator
4507 shall record such activity in the moderator's diary.

4508 (c) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
4509 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote,
4510 pursuant to section 9-431, an unaffiliated elector shall also announce to
4511 the separate table of the official checker or checkers for unaffiliated
4512 electors the party in whose primary the elector chooses to vote and the
4513 official checker or checkers shall note such party when checking such
4514 elector's name on the checklist of unaffiliated electors, manually on
4515 paper or electronically, provided such choice shall not alter the
4516 elector's unaffiliated status.

4517 (d) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
4518 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote or in
4519 which one party is holding a primary in which unaffiliated electors are
4520 authorized to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the
4521 primary, the official checker or checkers shall give to each elector
4522 checked manually on paper or electronically, a receipt provided by the
4523 [registrars] registrar of voters, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of
4524 the State, specifying either (1) the party with which the elector is
4525 enrolled, if any, or (2) in the case of an unaffiliated elector, the party in
4526 whose primary the elector has so chosen to vote, and whether the
4527 elector is authorized to vote for only a partial ballot.

4528 Sec. 147. Section 9-261b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4530 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4531 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4532 The [registrars] registrar of voters shall either ensure that each ballot

4533 clerk offer every elector a privacy sleeve into which the ballot can be
4534 inserted and fully shielded from view or, in the alternative, place such
4535 privacy sleeve in every voting booth for the elector's use. No elector
4536 shall be required to accept a privacy sleeve.

4537 Sec. 148. Section 9-266 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4538 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4539 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4540 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4541 When the voting tabulator has been locked at the close of an
4542 election, the moderator shall return the keys for the tabulator to the
4543 [registrars] registrar of voters with the official returns. Except as
4544 provided in section 9-311, as amended by this act, such [registrars]
4545 registrar of voters shall securely keep such keys and not permit the
4546 same to be taken, or any tabulator to be unlocked, for a period of
4547 fourteen days from the election, unless otherwise ordered by a court of
4548 competent jurisdiction, or by the State Elections Enforcement
4549 Commission. All tabulators shall be collected immediately on the day
4550 after election or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall be secured and
4551 stored in a place or places directed by the [registrars] registrar of
4552 voters.

4553 Sec. 149. Section 9-267 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4554 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4555 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4556 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4557 If, at any time during the performance of his or her duties, any
4558 moderator, assistant registrar of voters, official checker, ballot clerk or
4559 voting tabulator tender is, from any cause, found incompetent, the
4560 [registrars] registrar of voters may remove him or her and appoint
4561 another competent person.

4562 Sec. 150. Section 9-268 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4563 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*

4564 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4565 *-serving on said date of passage):*

4566 Whenever the duties imposed by this part upon selectmen are
4567 imposed by the charter of any municipality upon any other officer or
4568 officers, the term "selectmen", as used herein, shall be construed to
4569 apply to such other officer or officers, who shall be vested with all the
4570 powers and duties and shall be subject to all the obligations imposed
4571 by this chapter upon such selectmen. In any municipality where by
4572 charter the duties of selectmen are limited to the admission of electors
4573 and are not imposed by charter upon any other officer or officers, the
4574 term "selectmen", as used herein, shall apply to the [registrars]
4575 registrar of voters of such municipality, who shall be vested with all
4576 the powers and duties and shall be subject to all the obligations
4577 imposed by this part upon such selectmen.

4578 Sec. 151. Section 9-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4579 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4580 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4581 *-serving on said date of passage):*

4582 If, owing to the number of candidates to be voted upon, owing to
4583 inability to obtain a sufficient number of voting tabulators or, if it is
4584 found impracticable to use voting tabulators at any election, primary
4585 or referenda to be held in any municipality, or in one or more of the
4586 voting districts therein, the [registrars] registrar of voters may
4587 discontinue the use of such tabulators for such election in any of the
4588 voting districts therein, and shall thereupon cause ballots to be
4589 procured and used at such election, primary or referenda in each of the
4590 voting districts wherein the use of voting tabulators has been so
4591 discontinued. The procedures for securing and counting the paper
4592 ballots described in this section shall be in compliance as nearly as
4593 possible, in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, with
4594 the procedures for securing and counting absentee ballots.

4595 Sec. 152. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4596 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4597 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4598 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4599 (a) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the moderator
4600 that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such
4601 moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written
4602 notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of at
4603 least two checkers of different political parties and at least two
4604 absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at
4605 such election, and the [registrars] registrar of voters of the municipality
4606 in which the election was held and such other officials as may be
4607 required to conduct such recanvass. Such written notice shall require
4608 the clerk or [registrars] the registrar of voters, as the case may be, to
4609 bring with them the depository envelopes required by section 9-150a,
4610 as amended by this act, the package of write-in ballots provided for in
4611 section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of absentee ballot
4612 applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns and shall
4613 require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not later
4614 than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the returns
4615 of a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or write-in
4616 ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such recanvass
4617 officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the registrar of
4618 voters [of the same political party as that of the recanvass official
4619 unable to attend] shall designate another elector having previous
4620 training and experience in the conduct of elections to take his place.
4621 Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in
4622 writing, to the chairman of the town committee of each political party
4623 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
4624 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
4625 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
4626 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
4627 chairman may send representatives to be present at such recanvass.

4628 Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass
4629 official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the
4630 recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be
4631 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest
4632 relating to the election.

4633 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
4634 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
4635 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
4636 266, as amended by this act, the moderator may either require that
4637 such recanvass of such tabulators be conducted in each place where
4638 the tabulators are located, or he may require that they be removed to
4639 one central place, where such recanvass shall be conducted. All
4640 recanvassing procedures shall be open to public observation. Such
4641 recanvass officials shall, in the presence of such moderator and
4642 [registrars] the registrar of voters, make a record of the number on the
4643 seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, on
4644 each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such [registrars]
4645 registrar of voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the
4646 keys of each such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such
4647 recanvass officials, in the presence of such [registrars] registrar of
4648 voters and moderator, shall immediately proceed to recanvass the vote
4649 cast thereon, and shall then open the package of absentee ballots and
4650 recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the
4651 absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials shall check all outer
4652 envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner envelopes for such
4653 ballots and against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses and
4654 registry list markings and also to determine whether the number of
4655 envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed is the same
4656 as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot.
4657 The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed at this time. All of the
4658 recanvass officials shall use the same forms for tallies and returns as
4659 were used at the original canvass and the absentee ballot counters shall
4660 also sign the tallies.

4661 (c) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
4662 prescribed in section 9-309, as amended by this act, on return forms
4663 provided by the [registrars] registrar of voters and appended thereto
4664 shall be a statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and
4665 place of the recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party
4666 affiliations of the recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be
4667 replaced in a properly secured sealed package. Upon the completion of
4668 such recanvass, any tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked
4669 and sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately be returned to such
4670 [registrars] registrar of voters and such tabulator shall remain so
4671 locked until the expiration of fourteen days after such election or for
4672 such longer period as is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
4673 The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their wrappers and be
4674 resealed by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials.
4675 Upon the completion of such recanvass, such moderator and at least
4676 two of the recanvass officials of different political parties shall
4677 forthwith prepare and sign such return forms which shall contain a
4678 written statement giving the result of such recanvass for each tabulator
4679 and each package of absentee ballots whose returns were so
4680 recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original canvass was
4681 correctly made and stating whether or not the discrepancy still
4682 remains unaccounted for. Such return forms containing such statement
4683 shall forthwith be filed by the moderator in the office of such clerk. If
4684 such recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not
4685 correctly made, such return forms containing such statement so filed
4686 with the clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state
4687 election, a recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form
4688 prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State, and the
4689 moderator shall file one copy with the Secretary of the State and one
4690 copy with the town clerk not later than ten days after the election. Such
4691 recanvass return shall be substituted for the original return and shall
4692 have the same force and effect as an original return.

4693 (d) As used in this section, [(1)] "moderator" means, in the case of

4694 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the
4695 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,
4696 the head moderator of the election.], and (2) "registrars of voters", in a
4697 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different
4698 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in
4699 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the
4700 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality
4701 was moderator.]

4702 Sec. 153. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 9-320f of the
4703 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4704 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
4705 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4706 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary
4707 and not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the
4708 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or
4709 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal
4710 election or primary, the [registrars] registrar of voters shall conduct a
4711 manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the
4712 voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is
4713 applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open
4714 to public observation. Any election official who participates in the
4715 administration and conduct of an audit pursuant to this section shall
4716 be compensated by the municipality at the standard rate of pay
4717 established by such municipality for elections or primaries, as the case
4718 may be.

4719 (b) The voting districts subject to the audit described in subsection
4720 (a) of this section shall be selected in a random drawing by the
4721 Secretary of the State and such selection process shall be open to the
4722 public. The offices subject to the audit pursuant to this section shall be,
4723 (1) in the case of an election where the office of presidential elector is
4724 on the ballot, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one
4725 additional office selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the

4726 State, but in no case less than three offices, (2) in the case of an election
4727 where the office of Governor is on the ballot, all offices required to be
4728 audited by federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random
4729 drawing by the Secretary of the State, but in no case less than three
4730 offices, (3) in the case of a municipal election, three offices or twenty
4731 per cent of the number of offices on the ballot, whichever is greater,
4732 selected at random by the municipal clerk, and (4) in the case of a
4733 primary election, all offices required to be audited by federal law, plus
4734 one additional office, if any, but in no event less than twenty per cent
4735 of the offices on the ballot, selected in a random drawing by the
4736 municipal clerk.

4737 (c) If a selected voting district has an office that is subject to
4738 recanvass or an election or primary contest pursuant to the general
4739 statutes, the Secretary shall select an alternative district, pursuant to
4740 the process described in subsection (b) of this section.

4741 (d) The manual audit described in subsection (a) of this section shall
4742 consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted
4743 by each voting tabulator subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote
4744 totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared
4745 to the results reported by the voting tabulator on the day of the
4746 election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be
4747 reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall
4748 include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by
4749 each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate
4750 in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and
4751 the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that
4752 were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed
4753 with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such
4754 report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of
4755 Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State
4756 regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified.
4757 After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such
4758 report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

4759 (e) For the purposes of this section, a ballot that has not been
4760 properly completed will be deemed to be a ballot on which (1) votes
4761 have been marked by the voter outside the vote targets, (2) votes have
4762 been marked by the voter using a manual marking device that cannot
4763 be read by the voting tabulator, or (3) in the judgment of the
4764 [registrars] registrar of voters, the voter marked the ballot in such a
4765 manner that the voting tabulator may not have read the marks as votes
4766 cast.

4767 Sec. 154. Section 9-322b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4768 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4769 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4770 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4771 Notwithstanding the provisions of this title, if a candidate is elected
4772 to two or more offices in a municipality at the same election and is
4773 prohibited by any provision of the general statutes, a charter or an
4774 ordinance from holding more than one such office, the candidate shall
4775 notify the [registrars] registrar of voters and the municipal clerk of the
4776 office to which the candidate declines election, and the candidate for
4777 such office who receives the next highest number of votes at such
4778 election shall be deemed to have been elected to such office.

4779 Sec. 155. Section 9-362 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4780 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4781 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4782 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4783 The decision of the board for admission of electors or of the
4784 [registrars] registrar of voters or of a moderator, as to a person's right
4785 to be admitted to the elector's oath, to registration or to cast his vote,
4786 shall, in no case, be a bar to a criminal prosecution for procuring
4787 himself to be made an elector or to be registered or for voting, without
4788 the qualifications required by law.

4789 Sec. 156. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-369c of the

4790 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
4791 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
4792 *of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4793 (a) Whenever a referendum, as defined in subdivision (2) or (3) of
4794 subsection (n) of section 9-1, is to be held on any question or proposal,
4795 the question or proposal shall be submitted to the municipal clerk in
4796 the form in which it will appear on the ballot at least three weeks prior
4797 to the date on which the referendum is to be held, and the municipal
4798 clerk shall make absentee ballots available for use at the referendum in
4799 accordance with the provisions of this section, provided, if any other
4800 provision of the general statutes, a special act, a charter provision or an
4801 ordinance specifically authorizes a referendum to be held with less
4802 than three weeks' notice, absentee ballots shall be made available for
4803 each such referendum within four business days after the question or
4804 questions which are to be voted on at the referendum are finalized.
4805 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary,
4806 a municipal clerk may only provide an absentee ballot for such
4807 referendum held with less than three weeks' notice to a person who
4808 applies in person at the office of the municipal clerk for an absentee
4809 ballot (1) for himself or (2) for a prospective applicant who designates
4810 such person for such purpose. The designee may be a licensed
4811 physician, registered or practical nurse or any other person who is
4812 caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness, a member of
4813 the applicant's family or a police officer, the registrar of voters or the
4814 deputy registrar of voters in the municipality in which the applicant
4815 resides. The designee may also return the ballot in person to the
4816 municipal clerk not later than the close of the polls.

4817 (b) At any such referendum, any person who would be eligible to
4818 vote on the question or proposal if he appeared in person and is
4819 unable to appear in person for one or more of the reasons set forth in
4820 section 9-135, may cast his vote by absentee ballot, in accordance with
4821 the requirements of this section.

4822 (c) Upon receipt of the written form of the question or proposal to
4823 be voted on at any such referendum, the municipal clerk shall
4824 immediately prepare and print absentee ballots for the referendum.
4825 The phrasing of the question or proposal on the absentee ballots shall
4826 be identical to the phrasing on the ballot to be used for voting in
4827 person at the referendum. Prior to printing the ballots, the [registrars]
4828 registrar of voters of the municipality may provide comments
4829 concerning the content and form of such ballots to the clerk.

4830 Sec. 157. Subsection (b) of section 9-369d of the general statutes is
4831 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4832 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
4833 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

4834 (b) (1) The procedures set forth in this subsection shall only apply if
4835 a municipality so chooses and only upon approval of such procedure
4836 by its legislative body or in any town in which the legislative body is a
4837 town meeting, by the board of selectmen.

4838 (2) Voters who are not electors shall vote by separate voting
4839 tabulator or paper ballot, containing solely the question, at one
4840 separate location which may be a separate room in the location at
4841 which electors vote. Such separate location shall be treated as a
4842 separate voting district and polling place for such voters, except that
4843 the [registrars] registrar of voters shall appoint a moderator who shall
4844 be the head moderator for the purpose of this question only, and such
4845 other officials as the [registrars deem] registrar deems necessary. The
4846 moderator of such separate location shall add the results of the vote by
4847 electors on the question to the results of the vote by voters who are not
4848 electors, and shall file such results in the office of the municipal clerk.
4849 The moderator of such separate location shall be the moderator for the
4850 purposes of a recanvass of a close vote on such question under section
4851 9-370a. The head moderator of the town shall indicate on the return of
4852 vote of such question filed with the Secretary of the State that such
4853 return does not include the return of vote of voters who are not

4854 electors.

4855 Sec. 158. Section 9-372 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4856 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4857 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4858 *-serving on said date of passage*):

4859 The following terms, as used in this chapter, chapter 157 and
4860 sections 9-51 to 9-67, inclusive, as amended by this act, 9-169e, 9-217, 9-
4861 236, as amended by this act, and 9-361, shall have the following
4862 meanings:

4863 (1) "Caucus" means any meeting, at a designated hour and place, or
4864 at designated hours and places, of the enrolled members of a political
4865 party within a municipality or political subdivision thereof for the
4866 purpose of selecting party-endorsed candidates for a primary to be
4867 held by such party or for the purpose of transacting other business of
4868 such party;

4869 (2) "Convention" means a meeting of delegates of a political party
4870 held for the purpose of designating the candidate or candidates to be
4871 endorsed by such party in a primary of such party for state or district
4872 office or for the purpose of transacting other business of such party;

4873 (3) "District" means any geographic portion of the state which
4874 crosses the boundary or boundaries between two or more towns;

4875 (4) "District office" means an elective office for which only the
4876 electors in a district, as defined in subdivision (3) of this section, may
4877 vote;

4878 (5) "Major party" means (A) a political party or organization whose
4879 candidate for Governor at the last-preceding election for Governor
4880 received, under the designation of that political party or organization,
4881 at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all
4882 candidates for Governor, or (B) a political party having, at the last-

4883 preceding election for Governor, a number of enrolled members on the
4884 active registry list equal to at least twenty per cent of the total number
4885 of enrolled members of all political parties on the active registry list in
4886 the state;

4887 (6) "Minor party" means a political party or organization which is
4888 not a major party and whose candidate for the office in question
4889 received at the last-preceding regular election for such office, under the
4890 designation of that political party or organization, at least one per cent
4891 of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for such office at
4892 such election;

4893 (7) "Municipal office" means an elective office for which only the
4894 electors of a single town, city, borough, or political subdivision, as
4895 defined in subdivision (10) of this section, may vote, including the
4896 office of justice of the peace;

4897 (8) "Party designation committee" means an organization, composed
4898 of at least twenty-five members who are electors, which has, on or after
4899 November 4, 1981, reserved a party designation with the Secretary of
4900 the State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

4901 (9) "Party-endorsed candidate" means (A) in the case of a candidate
4902 for state or district office, a person endorsed by the convention of a
4903 political party as a candidate in a primary to be held by such party,
4904 and (B) in the case of a candidate for municipal office or for member of
4905 a town committee, a person endorsed by the town committee, caucus
4906 or convention, as the case may be, of a political party as a candidate in
4907 a primary to be held by such party;

4908 (10) "Political subdivision" means any voting district or combination
4909 of voting districts constituting a part of a municipality;

4910 (11) "Primary" means a meeting of the enrolled members of a
4911 political party and, when applicable under section 9-431, unaffiliated
4912 electors, held during consecutive hours at which such members or

4913 electors may, without assembling at the same hour, vote by secret
4914 ballot for candidates for nomination to office or for town committee
4915 members;

4916 [(12) "Registrar" means the registrar of voters in a municipality who
4917 is enrolled with the political party holding a primary and, in each
4918 municipality where there are different registrars for different voting
4919 districts, means the registrar so enrolled in the voting district in which,
4920 at the last-preceding regular election, the presiding officer for the
4921 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality
4922 was moderator;]

4923 [(13)] (12) "Slate" means a group of candidates for nomination by a
4924 political party to the office of justice of the peace of a town, which
4925 group numbers at least a bare majority of the number of justices of the
4926 peace to be nominated by such party for such town;

4927 [(14)] (13) "State office" means any office for which all the electors of
4928 the state may vote and includes the office of Governor, Lieutenant
4929 Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General and
4930 senator in Congress, but does not include the office of elector of
4931 President and Vice-President of the United States;

4932 [(15)] (14) "Votes cast for the same office at the last-preceding
4933 election" or "votes cast for all candidates for such office at the last-
4934 preceding election" means, in the case of multiple openings for the
4935 same office, the total number of electors checked as having voted at the
4936 last-preceding election at which such office appeared on the ballot.

4937 Sec. 159. Section 9-375 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4938 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4939 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4940 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4941 The local party rules, governing a political party in any
4942 municipality, may be amended by one of the three following methods:

4943 (1) By a caucus of its enrolled party members, (2) by a convention of
4944 delegates chosen by its enrolled party members in a manner prescribed
4945 in such rules or (3) by its town committee. Whenever, in any
4946 municipality, the method of amending the local party rules of a party
4947 is by the town committee, such rules may also be amended either by a
4948 caucus of its enrolled party members or by a convention of delegates
4949 chosen by its enrolled party members in a manner prescribed in such
4950 rules, whichever such rules specify, which caucus or convention, as the
4951 case may be, shall forthwith be called by the chairman of its town
4952 committee upon the filing with the registrar of voters [of such party] in
4953 such municipality of a petition signed by at least five per cent or five
4954 hundred, whichever is less, of its enrolled party members in such
4955 municipality, and such caucus or convention, as the case may be, shall
4956 be held within a period of time reasonably necessary to convene the
4957 same, which period of time shall be prescribed in its rules. Whenever
4958 the method of amendment prescribed in accordance with the
4959 provisions of this section for a party in any municipality consists of or
4960 involves a convention of delegates chosen by its enrolled party
4961 members under its party rules, such rule or amendment so prescribing
4962 such method of amendment shall also prescribe the manner in which
4963 such delegates are to be chosen.

4964 Sec. 160. Section 9-400 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4965 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
4966 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
4967 *servoing on said date of passage*):

4968 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
4969 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
4970 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
4971 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
4972 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
4973 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
4974 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
4975 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,

4976 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
4977 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in
4978 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive.
4979 Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be
4980 filed by submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four
4981 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the state
4982 convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by
4983 either (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the
4984 convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of
4985 such votes, and that such candidate consents to be a candidate in a
4986 primary of such party for such state office. Such certificate shall specify
4987 the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the
4988 ballot, the candidate's full residence address and the title of the office
4989 for which the candidacy is being filed. A single such certificate or
4990 petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more
4991 candidates for different state offices who consent to have their names
4992 appear on a single row of the primary ballot under subsection (b) of
4993 section 9-437. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this
4994 subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four
4995 o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary
4996 for such office to the registrar of voters of [the towns] each town in
4997 which the respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar
4998 shall file each page of such petition with the Secretary of the State in
4999 accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition filed by or
5000 on behalf of a candidate for state office shall be invalid for such
5001 candidate if such candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate
5002 pursuant to section 9-388 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the
5003 convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. Except as
5004 provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time period for
5005 party endorsement and circulation and tabulation of petitions and
5006 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such state office have
5007 been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of
5008 the State shall notify all town clerks and registrars of voters in
5009 accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for

5010 such state office shall be held in each municipality in accordance with
5011 the provisions of section 9-415.

5012 (b) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district
5013 office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears
5014 upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the
5015 district the person seeks to represent that is in the office of the
5016 Secretary of the State at the end of the last day prior to the convention
5017 for the party from which the person seeks nomination and who has
5018 either (1) received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the
5019 convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on
5020 the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for such
5021 district office, whether or not the party-endorsed candidate for such
5022 office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot, or (2) circulated a
5023 petition and obtained the signatures of at least two per cent of the
5024 enrolled members of such party in the district for the district office of
5025 representative in Congress, and at least five per cent of the enrolled
5026 members of such party in the district for the district offices of state
5027 senator, state representative and judge of probate, in accordance with
5028 the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies
5029 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by
5030 submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m.
5031 on the fourteenth day following the close of the district convention, a
5032 certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the
5033 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention,
5034 that such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and
5035 that the candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such
5036 party for such district office. Such certificate shall specify the
5037 candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot,
5038 the candidate's full residence address and the title and district of the
5039 office for which the candidacy is being filed. Candidacies described in
5040 subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said
5041 petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day
5042 preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar of

5043 voters of [the towns] each town in which the respective petition pages
5044 were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with
5045 the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c. A
5046 petition may only be filed by or on behalf of a candidate for the district
5047 office of state senator, state representative or judge of probate who is
5048 not certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388
5049 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such
5050 office pursuant to this subsection. A petition filed by or on behalf of a
5051 candidate for the district office of representative in Congress shall be
5052 invalid if said candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate
5053 pursuant to section 9-388 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the
5054 convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. Except as
5055 provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time period for
5056 party endorsement and circulation and tabulation of petitions and
5057 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such district office
5058 have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary
5059 of the State shall notify all town clerks within the district, in
5060 accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for
5061 such district office shall be held in each municipality and each part of a
5062 municipality within the district in accordance with the provisions of
5063 section 9-415.

5064 (c) For the purposes of this section, the number of enrolled members
5065 of a party shall be determined by the latest enrollment records in the
5066 office of the Secretary of the State prior to the earliest date that primary
5067 petitions were available. The names of electors on the inactive registry
5068 list compiled under section 9-35, as amended by this act, shall not be
5069 counted for purposes of computing the number of petition signatures
5070 required under this section, as provided in section 9-35c, as amended
5071 by this act.

5072 (d) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies in
5073 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office
5074 facilities of the [registrars] registrar of voters shall open not later than
5075 one o'clock p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and

5076 such [registrars or the deputy or assistant registrars] registrar or the
5077 deputy or any assistant registrar shall be present.

5078 Sec. 161. Section 9-405 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5079 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5080 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5081 *servicing on said date of passage*):

5082 (a) (1) Candidacies of persons other than party-endorsed candidates
5083 for nomination by a political party to a municipal office to be voted
5084 upon at a municipal election, or for election as town committee
5085 members shall be filed with the registrar, as provided in section 9-406,
5086 as amended by this act, not later than four o'clock p.m. on the thirty-
5087 fourth day preceding the day of the primary of such party for the
5088 nomination of candidates for such office or for the election of town
5089 committee members. Said day and hour shall be specified on the
5090 petition forms.

5091 (2) Candidacies of persons, other than party-endorsed candidates,
5092 for nomination by a political party to a municipal office to be voted
5093 upon at a state election shall be filed with the [registrars] registrar, as
5094 provided in section 9-406, as amended by this act, not later than four
5095 o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary
5096 for such office. Said day and hour shall be specified on the petition
5097 forms.

5098 (b) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies, in
5099 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office
5100 facilities of the [registrars] registrar of voters shall open not later than
5101 one o'clock p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and
5102 such [registrars or their deputy or assistant registrars] registrar or the
5103 deputy or any assistant registrar shall be present.

5104 Sec. 162. Section 9-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5105 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5106 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*

5107 *servicing on said date of passage):*

5108 A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a municipal
5109 office or a candidacy for election as a member of a town committee
5110 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
5111 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the senatorial
5112 district within which a person is to be nominated in the case of the
5113 municipal office of state senator, or the assembly district within which
5114 a person is to be nominated in the case of the municipal office of state
5115 representative, or the municipality or political subdivision within
5116 which a person is to be nominated in the case of a town committee
5117 member or for any other municipal office. Any such candidacy shall be
5118 filed by filing with the registrar within the applicable time specified in
5119 section 9-405, as amended by this act, a petition signed by (1) at least
5120 five per cent of the electors whose names appear upon the
5121 last-completed enrollment list of such party in such municipality or in
5122 such political subdivision, senatorial district or assembly district, or (2)
5123 such lesser number of such electors as such party by its rules
5124 prescribes, as the case may be. For the purpose of computing five per
5125 cent of the last-completed enrollment list, the registrar shall use the last
5126 printed enrollment list and the printed updated list, if any, of a
5127 political party certified and last completed by the [registrars] registrar
5128 of voters prior to the date the first primary petition was issued,
5129 excluding therefrom the names of individuals who have ceased to be
5130 electors.

5131 Sec. 163. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 9-436 of the
5132 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5133 thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term*
5134 *of office of any registrar of voters servicing on said date of passage):*

5135 (a) Voting tabulators shall be used at each primary, provided, (1) if,
5136 because of the number of offices and positions to be voted upon at a
5137 primary, there is an insufficient number of vertical columns on any
5138 ballot to be used in a municipality, the vote in such municipality at

5139 such primary for such offices or positions as the Secretary of the State
5140 determines shall be taken by paper ballots, and (2) if, because of the
5141 number of candidates for any office or position to be voted upon at a
5142 primary, there is an insufficient number of horizontal rows with
5143 respect to such office or position on any ballot to be used in the
5144 municipality, the vote in such municipality at such primary for such
5145 office or position shall be taken by paper ballots. More than one voting
5146 tabulator may be used in any voting district if the registrar so
5147 prescribes. The registrar shall furnish a number of voting booths
5148 sufficient to provide a voting booth for each five hundred or fraction of
5149 five hundred electors eligible to vote at such primary in the
5150 municipality or voting district, as the case may be, and other necessary
5151 equipment. In each polling place in which a party has authorized
5152 unaffiliated electors, pursuant to section 9-431, to vote for some but not
5153 all offices to be contested at the primary, a separate voting tabulator
5154 shall be used for such unaffiliated electors and the registrar shall
5155 separately furnish one voting booth for each five hundred or fraction
5156 of five hundred enrolled party members and one voting booth for each
5157 five hundred or fraction of five hundred unaffiliated electors
5158 authorized to vote at such primary in such district. In determining
5159 such number of electors, enrolled party members or unaffiliated
5160 electors, the registrar shall not count the names on the enrollment or
5161 registry lists of seventy-five per cent of such electors, unaffiliated
5162 electors or enrolled party members who reside in institutions, as
5163 defined in section 9-159q, as amended by this act. The registrar may
5164 provide more than the minimum number of voting booths required by
5165 this section.

5166 (b) Each tabulator shall be so arranged that the elector may vote for
5167 as many persons for nomination or election to each office or position as
5168 there are persons to be nominated or elected, as the case may be, and
5169 no more, and so that the elector may vote for individual candidates;
5170 provided the vote for justices of the peace shall be by slate, as provided
5171 in section 9-443.

5172 (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
5173 members in the state, to serve in each polling place, the primary
5174 polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, at least one,
5175 but not more than two official checkers, not more than two challengers
5176 if the registrar deems it necessary, and at least one and not more than
5177 two ballot clerks and at least one but not more than two voting
5178 tabulator tenders for each tabulator in use at such primary and, in
5179 towns with two or more voting districts at least one and not more than
5180 two assistant registrars, provided (1) in the case of either a
5181 municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no
5182 enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to
5183 serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who
5184 resides in the state and is a certified moderator to be moderator, (2) in
5185 the case of a political subdivision holding a primary, if an insufficient
5186 number of enrolled party members who reside in the state consent to
5187 serve as checkers, challengers, voting tabulator tenders or assistant
5188 registrars, the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the
5189 state to be a checker, challenger, voting tabulator tender or assistant
5190 registrar, and (3) in the case of either a municipality or a political
5191 subdivision holding more than one primary on the same day for
5192 different political parties, one certified moderator may serve as
5193 moderator for both primaries, if the [registrars of voters so agree]
5194 registrar of voters so decides. If unaffiliated electors are authorized
5195 under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the offices to be
5196 contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint two additional
5197 checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to
5198 vote on the separate tabulators. If unaffiliated electors are authorized
5199 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties in
5200 the same polling place, whether for some or for all offices to be
5201 contested at the primary, [each] such registrar shall appoint two
5202 additional checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are
5203 authorized to vote in either such primary.

5204 (d) The registrar shall designate one of the moderators so appointed

5205 by the registrar to be head moderator or shall appoint as head
5206 moderator an elector who is not also moderator of a polling place and
5207 who shall be deemed a primary official. The registrar may also appoint
5208 a deputy head moderator to assist the head moderator in the
5209 performance of the head moderator's duties. A deputy head moderator
5210 shall also be deemed to be a primary official. [Each] The registrar's
5211 appointments of primary polling place officials, except moderators of
5212 polling places, and of designees to conduct supervised voting of
5213 absentee ballots pursuant to sections 9-159q, as amended by this act,
5214 and 9-159r, as amended by this act, shall be divided equally, as nearly
5215 as may be, between designees of the party-endorsed candidates and
5216 designees of one or more of the contestants, provided, if a party-
5217 endorsed candidate is a member of a party other than the one holding
5218 the primary, such primary officials shall be enrolled party members of
5219 the party holding the primary. Names of designees and alternate
5220 designees for such positions shall be submitted in writing by party-
5221 endorsed candidates and contestants to the registrar not later than
5222 twenty-one days before the primary and, if such lists are not so
5223 presented, all such appointments shall be made by the registrar but in
5224 the above-mentioned proportion. The registrar shall notify all such
5225 candidates and contestants of their right to submit a list of designees
5226 under this section. The [registrars] registrar shall train each
5227 prospective primary poll worker to perform in the poll worker's
5228 designated position. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
5229 section, the registrar shall appoint as moderators only persons who are
5230 certified to serve as moderators or alternate moderators pursuant to
5231 section 9-229, as amended by this act, unless there is an insufficient
5232 number of such persons who are enrolled members of the [registrar's]
5233 party holding the primary, in which case the registrar may appoint a
5234 new moderator in accordance with section 9-229, as amended by this
5235 act, but only to the extent of such insufficiency. Primary central
5236 counting moderators and absentee ballot counters shall also be
5237 deemed primary officials. No primary official shall perform services
5238 for any candidate at the primary on primary day.

5239 (e) If paper ballots are required for the vote on any office or position
5240 in a municipality, the clerk of the municipality, in consultation with
5241 the [registrars] registrar of voters, shall print a paper ballot for use in
5242 such primary for nomination to such office or election to such position.
5243 The Secretary of the State shall prescribe the form of such paper ballot.
5244 The Secretary of the State may prescribe general rules for the use of
5245 paper ballots in any primary, including the duties of officials at the
5246 polls with regard to the same, the marking of the same and the
5247 counting of the same. The procedure to be followed when paper
5248 ballots are so used shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure
5249 applicable to voting tabulators provided in this chapter and to the law
5250 governing the use of paper ballots in regular elections and such rules
5251 shall have the force and effect of law. Chapter 54 shall not apply to
5252 rules made pursuant to this section.

5253 Sec. 164. Section 9-436a of the general statutes is repealed and the
5254 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5255 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5256 *servng on said date of passage*):

5257 Each group of candidates whose names appear in one single row on
5258 the official ballot in a voting district for a primary to be held by a
5259 political party may designate, for each line of electors voting in such
5260 primary at such voting district, not more than two electors enrolled in
5261 such party in the town in which such voting district is located, to serve
5262 as candidate checkers on behalf of the candidates whose names appear
5263 in such row, provided [a] the registrar may establish two or more
5264 shifts for candidate checkers, in which case each such group of
5265 candidates may designate the candidate checkers for each shift. No
5266 primary official shall perform the functions of a candidate checker
5267 pursuant to this section. The candidates shall submit a list of the names
5268 of such designees to the registrar of voters [for such party] not later
5269 than forty-eight hours before the primary. The registrar shall notify the
5270 candidates of this obligation. Such registrar of voters shall verify that
5271 each such designee is enrolled in such party in such town and shall

5272 appoint in each voting district not more than two such designees, for
5273 each line, to serve each such row for each shift. The registrar shall, at
5274 the request of such a group of candidates, change such designations at
5275 any time before the closing of the polls on the day of a primary. No
5276 candidate for nomination in such primary may be a candidate checker
5277 at such primary. The registrar of voters shall furnish each candidate
5278 checker one copy of the list or lists of electors eligible to vote in such
5279 primary. Candidate checkers may remain within the polling place for
5280 the purpose of checking their own copy of such list to indicate the
5281 names of electors who have voted. Such checkers may enter and leave
5282 the restricted area surrounding the polling place during the hours of
5283 voting for the purpose of taking such information outside said area. If
5284 any such candidate checker interferes with the orderly process of
5285 voting or attempts to influence any elector, he shall be evicted by the
5286 moderator. A candidate checker appointed pursuant to this section
5287 may receive compensation from the municipality in which the primary
5288 is held.

5289 Sec. 165. Subsection (e) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is
5290 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5291 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
5292 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

5293 (e) The names of candidates for town committee members which are
5294 contained in one primary petition shall be placed in a separate row,
5295 precedence as to row being given to the candidates whose names
5296 appear in petitions in the order determined in accordance with this
5297 subsection. Petitions filed by nine o'clock a.m. on the first business day
5298 following the day on which petitions become available shall be given
5299 precedence as to row based on the number of valid signatures filed, in
5300 descending order from the greatest to the least. Petitions filed after
5301 nine o'clock a.m. on the first business day following the day on which
5302 petitions become available shall be given precedence as to row based
5303 on the order in which they are filed, if such petitions are filed during
5304 the regular business hours of the office of the [registrars] registrar of

5305 voters or during any different hours for said office required under the
5306 general statutes. Such order of precedence shall be determined
5307 separately for petitions proposing the full number of candidates which
5308 the party may choose at the primary and for petitions proposing fewer
5309 than such full number of candidates, and provided further that
5310 petitions proposing such full number of candidates shall have
5311 precedence as to row over petitions proposing fewer than such full
5312 number of candidates.

5313 Sec. 166. Section 9-446 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5314 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5315 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5316 *servicing on said date of passage*):

5317 (a) If two or more candidates obtain the same and the highest total
5318 number of votes at a primary held to nominate candidates for a state or
5319 district office or the municipal office of state senator or state
5320 representative, and a tie vote thereby occurs, any of such candidates,
5321 or the state chairman of the political party, may apply for a recanvass
5322 of the returns in the manner provided in section 9-445. If no such
5323 application is made, or if any such recanvass results in a tie vote, such
5324 primary shall stand adjourned for three weeks at the same hour at
5325 which the first primary was held. Ballots of the same form and
5326 description as described in section 9-437, as amended by this act, shall
5327 be used in the primary on such adjourned day, and the primary shall
5328 be conducted in the same manner as on the first day, except that the
5329 votes shall be cast for such office only and may only be cast for a
5330 candidate who received such a tie number of votes in the primary on
5331 the first day. Ballots for the primary on such adjourned day shall be
5332 provided forthwith by the [registrars] registrar of voters of each
5333 municipality wherein such primary stands adjourned, and each clerk
5334 of the municipality shall furnish the Secretary of the State with an
5335 accurate list of all candidates to be voted for at such adjourned
5336 primary. The clerk of each municipality in the state or the district,
5337 whichever is applicable, wherein such primary so stands adjourned

5338 shall, at least three days prior to the day of such adjourned primary,
5339 give notice of the day, hours, place and purpose thereof by publishing
5340 such notice in a newspaper published in such municipality or having a
5341 circulation therein. No such primary shall be held if prior to such
5342 primary all but one of the candidates for such office die, withdraw
5343 their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold such office,
5344 and, in such event, the remaining candidate shall be deemed to be
5345 lawfully voted upon as the candidate for such office. No withdrawal
5346 shall be valid until the candidate who has withdrawn has filed a letter
5347 of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the State.
5348 When such a primary is required to be held under the provisions of
5349 this section and prior to such primary all but one of the candidates for
5350 such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason become
5351 disqualified to hold such office, the Secretary of the State shall
5352 forthwith notify the [registrars] registrar of voters of such fact, and
5353 shall forthwith direct the [registrars] registrar that such primary shall
5354 not be held. In the case of a multiple-opening office only the names of
5355 those candidates whose votes are equal shall be placed on the ballot of
5356 the adjourned primary. If such second primary results in a tie vote
5357 with two or more candidates receiving the same highest total number
5358 of votes, the Secretary of the State, in the presence of not fewer than
5359 three disinterested persons, and after notification to the candidates
5360 obtaining the same number of votes and the chairperson of the state
5361 central committee of the party holding the primary of the time when
5362 and the place where such tie vote is to be dissolved, shall dissolve such
5363 tie vote by lot. The Secretary of the State shall execute a certificate
5364 attesting to the result of the dissolution of such tie vote, and the person
5365 so certified or the slate so certified as having been chosen by lot shall
5366 be deemed to have received a plurality of the votes cast and shall be
5367 deemed to have been chosen as the nominee of such party to such
5368 office.

5369 (b) If two or more candidates obtain the same number of votes at a
5370 primary held to nominate candidates for a municipal office, other than

5371 the municipal office of state senator or state representative, or to elect
5372 members of a town committee, or if two or more slates of candidates
5373 obtain the same number of votes at a primary held for justices of the
5374 peace, and a tie vote thereby occurs, any of such candidates, or the
5375 town chairman of the political party, may apply for a recanvass of the
5376 returns in the manner provided in section 9-445. If no such application
5377 is made, or if any such recanvass results in a tie vote, such primary
5378 shall stand adjourned for three weeks at the same hour at which the
5379 first primary was held. Ballots of the same form and description as
5380 described in section 9-437, as amended by this act, shall be used in the
5381 primary on such adjourned day, and the primary shall be conducted in
5382 the same manner as on the first day, except that the votes shall be cast
5383 for such office only. Ballots for the primary on such adjourned day
5384 shall be provided forthwith by the [registrars] registrar of voters of the
5385 municipality wherein such primary stands adjourned, and the clerk of
5386 the municipality shall furnish the Secretary of the State with an
5387 accurate list of all candidates to be voted for at such adjourned
5388 primary. The clerk of the municipality wherein such primary so stands
5389 adjourned shall, at least three days prior to the day of such adjourned
5390 primary, give notice of the day, hours, place and purpose thereof by
5391 publishing such notice in a newspaper published in such municipality
5392 or having a circulation therein. No such primary shall be held if prior
5393 to such primary all but one of the candidates for such office die,
5394 withdraw their names or for any reason become disqualified to hold
5395 such office, and, in such event, the remaining candidate shall be
5396 deemed to be lawfully voted upon as the candidate for such office. No
5397 withdrawal shall be valid until the candidate who has withdrawn has
5398 filed a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the
5399 municipal clerk. When such a primary is required to be held under the
5400 provisions of this section and prior to such primary all but one of the
5401 candidates for such office die, withdraw their names or for any reason
5402 become disqualified to hold such office, the Secretary of the State shall
5403 forthwith notify the municipal clerk of such fact, and shall forthwith
5404 direct the clerk that such primary shall not be held. In the case of a

5405 multiple-opening office only the names of those candidates whose
5406 votes are equal shall be placed on the ballot of the adjourned primary.
5407 If such second primary results in a tie vote, the registrar, in the
5408 presence of not fewer than three disinterested persons, and after
5409 notification to the candidates obtaining the same number of votes and
5410 the chairperson of the town committee of the party holding the
5411 primary of the time when and the place where such tie vote is to be
5412 dissolved, shall dissolve such tie vote by lot. The registrar shall execute
5413 a certificate attesting to the result of the dissolution of such tie vote,
5414 and the person so certified or the slate so certified as having been
5415 chosen by lot shall be deemed to have received a plurality of the votes
5416 cast and shall be deemed to have been chosen as the nominee of such
5417 party to such office.

5418 Sec. 167. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5419 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5420 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5421 *servng on said date of passage*):

5422 All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office shall
5423 make such nominations and certify and file a list of such nominations,
5424 as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second day prior to
5425 the day of the election at which such candidates are to be voted for. A
5426 list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes each
5427 candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the
5428 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each
5429 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each
5430 candidate is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the
5431 committee, meeting or other authority making such nomination and
5432 shall be filed by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State,
5433 in the case of state or district office or the municipal office of state
5434 representative, state senator or judge of probate, or with the clerk of
5435 the municipality, in the case of municipal office, not later than the
5436 sixty-second day prior to the day of the election. The [registrars]
5437 registrar of voters of such municipality shall promptly verify and

5438 correct the names on any such list filed with him, or the names of
5439 nominees forwarded to the clerk of the municipality by the Secretary
5440 of the State, in accordance with the registry list of such municipality
5441 and endorse the same as having been so verified and corrected. For
5442 purposes of this section, a list of nominations shall be deemed to be
5443 filed when it is received by the Secretary or clerk, as appropriate.

5444 Sec. 168. Section 9-453l of the general statutes is repealed and the
5445 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5446 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5447 *-serving on said date of passage*):

5448 Any town clerk may delegate [his] such clerk's duty to check the
5449 names of signers with names of electors on the registry list pursuant to
5450 section 9-453k to the [registrars of voters in his town, if the registrars
5451 consent, and the registrars] registrar of voters in such town, if the
5452 registrar consents, and such registrar shall complete the required
5453 certifications with respect thereto on the petition, provided the
5454 [registrars] registrar shall execute a receipt for such pages upon receipt
5455 thereof stating the number of pages and provided such checking of
5456 names by the [registrars] registrar shall take place in the office of the
5457 town clerk or in the office, if any, of the [registrars] registrar of voters.
5458 [if they have an office.] After making the required certifications, the
5459 [registrars] registrar shall deliver the petition pages to the town clerk.

5460 Sec. 169. Section 9-453r of the general statutes is repealed and the
5461 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5462 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5463 *-serving on said date of passage*):

5464 (a) A separate row on the ballot shall be used for a petitioning
5465 candidate whose name is contained in a petition approved pursuant to
5466 section 9-453o, bearing a party designation. A separate row shall be
5467 used for the petitioning candidates whose names are contained in
5468 petitions approved pursuant to section 9-453o, bearing the same party

5469 designation. Within such a separate row, the order of the names of
5470 such candidates for the same multiple-opening office shall be
5471 determined by the [registrars] registrar of voters by lot in a ceremony
5472 which shall be open to the public. The [registrars] registrar of voters
5473 shall provide at least five days public notice for each such ceremony.

5474 (b) On the horizontal rows below the rows so used for candidates, if
5475 any, who are so entitled to a party designation on the ballot, shall be
5476 placed, in the appropriate office columns, the names of candidates
5477 contained in petitions approved pursuant to section 9-453o bearing no
5478 party designation. Such candidates shall not be entitled to separate
5479 rows. Precedence as to horizontal row between or among such
5480 candidates shall be determined, if necessary, by the order in which
5481 their applications for petitions were filed with the Secretary of the State
5482 from the earliest to the latest; provided that within any such horizontal
5483 row the names of as many of such candidates for the same multiple-
5484 opening office as such row will accommodate shall be placed before
5485 placing the names of other such candidates for such office on the next
5486 such row. The order of the names of such candidates for the same
5487 multiple-opening office, within and between any such horizontal rows,
5488 shall be determined by the [registrars] registrar of voters by lot in a
5489 ceremony which shall be open to the public. The [registrars] registrar
5490 of voters shall provide at least five days public notice for each such
5491 ceremony. Each row in which a candidate's name appears who is not
5492 entitled to a party designation shall be labeled "Petitioning
5493 Candidates", the print of which shall correspond to that used for party
5494 designations.

5495 Sec. 170. Section 9-468 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5496 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5497 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5498 *servoing on said date of passage*):

5499 Except as hereinafter provided, such petitions shall be circulated,
5500 filed with the [registrars] registrar of voters, and verified by said

5501 [registrars] registrar, as nearly as may be, in accordance with the
5502 provisions of sections 9-410 and 9-412. Each page of such a petition
5503 shall be filed with the registrar of voters of [the party holding the
5504 primary in] the town of voting residence of the signers thereof, not
5505 later than four o'clock p.m. of the fifty-third day preceding the day of
5506 the primary; and such registrar shall verify the signatures on each such
5507 page and forward it to the Secretary not later than four o'clock p.m. of
5508 the forty-ninth day preceding the day of the primary. If, prior to such
5509 last day for filing such pages with the registrar, such a petition was
5510 issued under section 9-467, the office or office facilities of [each
5511 registrar of such party] the registrar in each town shall open not later
5512 than one o'clock p.m. and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m.,
5513 and each such registrar or [his] the deputy assistant registrar shall be
5514 present therein.

5515 Sec. 171. Section 9-476 of the general statutes is repealed and the
5516 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
5517 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
5518 *servng on said date of passage*):

5519 Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions of
5520 chapter 145 and chapter 153 concerning absentee voting at primaries,
5521 conduct of primaries and return and tabulation of the vote at such
5522 primaries shall apply as nearly as practicable and in the manner
5523 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to a presidential preference
5524 primary. The primary officials of each party for each polling place shall
5525 be as specified in section 9-436, as amended by this act, except that (1)
5526 the appointment of [assistant registrars of voters] any assistant
5527 registrar of voters and absentee ballot counters shall be permitted but
5528 not required, (2) the minimum number of official checkers shall be one,
5529 (3) the minimum number of voting tabulator tenders shall be one for
5530 each two voting tabulators in use, (4) if two parties are holding
5531 primaries, [and the registrars of voters of such parties so agree, such
5532 registrars of voters may jointly] the registrar of voters may appoint (A)
5533 one moderator of both primaries and (B) one enrolled member of

5534 either party to serve as head moderator of both primaries, (5)
5535 notwithstanding any reduction in the number of primary officials as
5536 permitted by this section, any duty required of primary officials by the
5537 general statutes may be performed by one or more primary officials, at
5538 the direction of the registrar of voters, [of the party of such officials,]
5539 and (6) the registrar of voters shall have the sole power to appoint such
5540 officials. In making such appointments the registrar shall attempt, to
5541 the extent practicable, to provide representation for each candidate at
5542 each polling place. The provisions of section 9-436a, as amended by
5543 this act, shall apply to each candidate whose name appears on the
5544 ballot, except that each such candidate, through such candidate's
5545 authorized or known representative, may submit to the registrar of
5546 voters the name of one designee as candidate checker for each polling
5547 place, and the registrar of voters shall appoint such designee as
5548 candidate checker for such candidate. Notwithstanding the provisions
5549 of section 9-438, the polls shall be open for voting at the primary
5550 between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and eight o'clock p.m. The
5551 moderator or head moderator of the primary in each town shall
5552 prepare duplicate head moderator returns in the manner provided by
5553 section 9-440, but notwithstanding the provisions of said section, the
5554 moderator or head moderator may electronically transmit such returns
5555 not later than eleven fifty-nine o'clock p.m. on primary day, provided a
5556 hard copy is mailed to the Secretary of the State not later than two
5557 o'clock p.m. of the day following the primary or shall hand deliver one
5558 of such returns to [either] the Secretary [or the state police] by two
5559 o'clock p.m. of the day following the primary. Any moderator or head
5560 moderator, as the case may be, who fails to deliver such returns to
5561 [either] the Secretary [or the state police] by such time shall pay a late
5562 filing fee of fifty dollars.

5563 Sec. 172. Subsection (a) of section 51-222a of the general statutes is
5564 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5565 *passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any*
5566 *registrar of voters serving on said date of passage*):

5567 (a) Annually, upon the request of the Jury Administrator, the
5568 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall supply the Jury Administrator
5569 with the latest updated file of licensed motor vehicle operators for the
5570 state and with the latest updated file of holders of identity cards issued
5571 under section 1-1h. Upon the request of the Jury Administrator, the
5572 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall supply the Jury
5573 Administrator with the most recent updated list of residents of this
5574 state who have a permanent place of abode in this state and who filed
5575 a return on personal income under chapter 229 in the last tax year, and
5576 the Labor Commissioner shall supply the Jury Administrator with the
5577 most recent updated list of residents of this state who are recipients of
5578 unemployment compensation under chapter 567. In addition, upon the
5579 request of the Jury Administrator, the [registrars] registrar of voters of
5580 each town shall supply a list of all electors from [their] such registrar's
5581 town, except that in lieu of such list from the [registrars] registrar of
5582 voters, the Jury Administrator may obtain the list of all electors from a
5583 central repository, or if such list is not available, may contract for the
5584 creation and purchase of such list. The registrars of voters of the
5585 several towns shall provide lists of electors to the contractor at the
5586 request of the Jury Administrator. Annually, upon the request of the
5587 Jury Administrator, the Commissioner of Public Health shall supply
5588 the Jury Administrator with the most recent updated list of deceased
5589 persons. The lists supplied to the Jury Administrator under this
5590 subsection shall be in the format prescribed by the Jury Administrator
5591 and shall include, at a minimum, the name, address and, if available,
5592 date of birth of each person on such list or the reason for the
5593 unavailability. The lists supplied by the Commissioner of Motor
5594 Vehicles, the Commissioner of Revenue Services, the Commissioner of
5595 Public Health and the Labor Commissioner to the Jury Administrator
5596 under this subsection shall also include the Social Security number of
5597 each person on such list or the reason for the unavailability. The lists of
5598 electors supplied to the Jury Administrator by the registrars of voters
5599 of the several towns or the Secretary of the State under this subsection
5600 shall not include Social Security numbers of persons on such lists.

5601 Sec. 173. Section 51-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 5602 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and*
 5603 *applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters*
 5604 *-serving on said date of passage*):

5605 [If a] The registrar of voters of a town, after a request from the Jury
 5606 Administrator pursuant to section 51-222a, as amended by this act,
 5607 fails to provide the list to the Jury Administrator or to the Jury
 5608 Administrator's representative, the Jury Administrator shall notify the
 5609 state's attorney for the judicial district of the town from which such list
 5610 has not been received and shall, at the same time, notify the registrar of
 5611 voters of such town that such list has not been received. In addition, if
 5612 the Jury Administrator has not received a list from [a] the registrar of
 5613 voters of a town, and determines there is a need for additional jurors,
 5614 the Jury Administrator shall select from the list compiled under
 5615 subsection (b) of section 51-222a, the names of as many persons as are
 5616 necessary to make up the number of jurors provided for that town or
 5617 city, who are in his judgment qualified and eligible to serve.

5618 Sec. 174. Sections 9-164f, 9-190, 9-190a, 9-191, 9-192 and 9-442 of the
 5619 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage and applicable upon*
 5620 *the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said*
 5621 *date of passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-1(p)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-15a(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-53
Sec. 6	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-185
Sec. 7	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-210
Sec. 8	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-164a

Sec. 9	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-164e
Sec. 10	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-187a
Sec. 11	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-189a
Sec. 12	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-4b
Sec. 13	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-192a
Sec. 14	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-192b
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-7a(g)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-236b
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-395
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-412
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-307

Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	2-30a
Sec. 25	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	7-42
Sec. 26	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-5
Sec. 27	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-5a
Sec. 28	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-5b
Sec. 29	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-6

Sec. 30	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-7b(a)(1)
Sec. 31	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-7b(a)(3)
Sec. 32	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-12
Sec. 33	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-16
Sec. 34	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-17
Sec. 35	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-17a
Sec. 36	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19b(b) to (d)

Sec. 37	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage:</i>	9-19c(a)
Sec. 38	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage:</i>	9-19e
Sec. 39	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19g
Sec. 40	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 41	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 42	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19j(c) to (j)
Sec. 43	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-19k(d) to (f)

Sec. 44	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-20(b) and (c)
Sec. 45	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-21
Sec. 46	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-21a
Sec. 47	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-23
Sec. 48	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-23g(a) to (f)
Sec. 49	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-23h
Sec. 50	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-23n(b)

Sec. 51	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-23r(b) and (c)
Sec. 52	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-25
Sec. 53	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-28
Sec. 54	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-31a
Sec. 55	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-31b
Sec. 56	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-31d
Sec. 57	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-31l

Sec. 58	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-32
Sec. 59	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-35
Sec. 60	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-35a
Sec. 61	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-35b
Sec. 62	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-35c
Sec. 63	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-36
Sec. 64	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-37

Sec. 65	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-38
Sec. 66	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-39
Sec. 67	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-40a(b)
Sec. 68	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-42(a) to (c)
Sec. 69	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-42a(a)
Sec. 70	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-43
Sec. 71	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-46a(c)

Sec. 72	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-50a
Sec. 73	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-50b(c)
Sec. 74	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-51
Sec. 75	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-52
Sec. 76	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-54
Sec. 77	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-55
Sec. 78	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-56

Sec. 79	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-57
Sec. 80	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-58
Sec. 81	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-59
Sec. 82	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-64a
Sec. 83	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-65
Sec. 84	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-135b(a)
Sec. 85	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-140(c)

Sec. 86	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-140b(b)
Sec. 87	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-140c(b) to (k)
Sec. 88	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-140e(b)
Sec. 89	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-147a(b)
Sec. 90	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-147c
Sec. 91	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-148
Sec. 92	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-150a(a)

Sec. 93	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-150d
Sec. 94	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-153d
Sec. 95	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-158g
Sec. 96	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-158j
Sec. 97	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 98	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-159p(c) to (i)
Sec. 99	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-159q

Sec. 100	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-159r(a) and (b)
Sec. 101	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-159s(b)
Sec. 102	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-163k(c)(5)
Sec. 103	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-168
Sec. 104	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-168a
Sec. 105	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-168b
Sec. 106	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-168d(b) and (c)

Sec. 107	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-168e
Sec. 108	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-169
Sec. 109	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-172b(a)
Sec. 110	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-174a(a) and (b)
Sec. 111	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-174b
Sec. 112	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-183b
Sec. 113	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-194

Sec. 114	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-228a
Sec. 115	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-229
Sec. 116	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-230
Sec. 117	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232(a)
Sec. 118	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232e
Sec. 119	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232j
Sec. 120	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232l

Sec. 121	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232m
Sec. 122	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-232n
Sec. 123	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-233
Sec. 124	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-234(a)
Sec. 125	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-235(a) to (e)
Sec. 126	<i>from passage and applicable upon the expiration of the term of office of any registrar of voters serving on said date of passage</i>	9-235c
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) make reforms to the office of the registrar of voters, (2) create uniform, extended voter registration deadlines, (3) facilitate quicker reporting of election results, and (4) improve the flow of candidate information to the Secretary of the State.

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