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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1051

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S ELECTIONS."

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. Section 9-192a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) (1) The Secretary of the State shall, in consultation with the
6 advisory committee created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
7 establish a program and criteria for the certification of registrars of
8 voters. All registrars taking such office on or before July 1, 2015, shall
9 complete such program and satisfy such criteria for certification not
10 later than July 1, 2017. Any registrar taking such office after July 1,

11 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for
12 certification (A) in the case of a two-year term, not later than the
13 conclusion of such term, and (B) in the case of a four-year term, not
14 later than two years after the date of first holding such office, except as
15 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Each municipality shall
16 pay on behalf of such municipality's registrar of voters the cost of
17 completing such program and satisfying such criteria for certification.

18 (2) If a deputy registrar becomes registrar, in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 9-192, on or after the ninetieth day prior to a state
20 election, as defined in section 9-1, such new registrar shall complete an
21 abridged program prescribed by the Secretary of the State for a
22 provisional certification. Completion of such abridged program and
23 receipt of a provisional certification shall not be deemed to satisfy the
24 requirements for certification described in subdivision (1) of this
25 subsection.

26 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
27 each registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of
28 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
29 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
30 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
31 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
32 Secretary to conduct such training. Any registrar who fails to satisfy
33 such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of
34 the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

35 [(a)] (b) There is created [a] an advisory committee for the purpose
36 of establishing programs and procedures for training, examining and
37 certifying registrars of voters, deputy registrars of voters and
38 [permanent assistants] assistant registrars of voters, as described in
39 section 9-192. The committee shall consist of six members, one of
40 whom shall be from the office of the Secretary of the State, one of
41 whom shall be from the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and
42 four of whom shall be registrars of voters. The Secretary of the State
43 shall appoint the registrars of voters, in consultation with the

44 Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut, or its successor
45 organization. The committee members shall serve without pay. The
46 Secretary of the State shall determine the length of the terms of the
47 initial members, in accordance with the following: Two of such
48 members shall serve for a one-year term; two of such members shall
49 serve for a two-year term; and two of such members shall serve for a
50 four-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve for four-year terms.
51 The committee shall select a chairperson, who shall be one of the
52 registrars who is a member of the committee.

53 [(b)] (c) The [committee] Secretary of the State, in consultation with
54 the advisory committee, shall adopt criteria for the training,
55 examination and certification requirements of registrars [, deputies and
56 permanent assistants] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. In
57 advising the Secretary of the State on the adoption of such criteria, the
58 committee (1) shall consider whether the prescribed training leading to
59 certification may, in part, be satisfied through participation in the
60 required two conferences a year called by the Secretary of the State,
61 pursuant to section 9-6, for purposes of discussing the election laws,
62 procedures or matters related to election laws and procedures, and (2)
63 may recommend programs at one or more institutions of higher
64 education that satisfy such criteria. The Secretary of the State shall
65 include in the prescribed training adopted pursuant to this subsection
66 procedures detailing the differences between a motor vehicle
67 operator's license issued pursuant to section 14-36m and any other
68 motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to subpart B of part III
69 of chapter 246 and shall create materials to accompany such
70 procedures. The Secretary of the State shall require that such
71 procedures and materials be presented to each attendee at each
72 conference called by said Secretary pursuant to section 9-6. Any
73 [registrar of voters, deputy or permanent assistant] deputy or assistant
74 registrar of voters may participate in the course of training prescribed
75 by the [committee and, upon completing such training and
76 successfully completing any examination or examinations prescribed
77 by the committee, shall be recommended by the committee to the

78 Secretary of the State as a candidate] Secretary for certification as a
79 certified Connecticut registrar of voters. [The Secretary of the State
80 shall certify any such qualified, recommended candidate as a certified
81 Connecticut registrar of voters. The Secretary of the State may rescind
82 any such certificate only upon a finding, by a majority of the
83 committee, of sufficient cause as defined by the criteria adopted
84 pursuant to this subsection. No provision of this subsection shall
85 require any registrar of voters, deputy or permanent assistant to be a
86 certified registrar of voters.] The Secretary of the State shall certify any
87 individual who completes such training and successfully completes
88 any examination or examinations prescribed by the Secretary as a
89 certified Connecticut registrar of voters.

90 [(c)] (d) The advisory committee shall also (1) develop a training
91 program in election procedures for poll workers, and (2) develop an
92 election law and procedures training program and guide for registrars,
93 deputy registrars and assistant registrars. The training program
94 developed under subdivision (2) of this [section] subsection shall
95 provide for training to be conducted by trained registrars or former
96 registrars hired for such purpose by the Secretary of the State. The
97 committee shall submit such training programs and training guide to
98 the Secretary of the State, who shall approve or modify the programs
99 and guide."