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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1226

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE VOTING RIGHTS IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN R. LEWIS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 9-168 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

5 In any town not divided into voting districts, [the place of holding  
6 elections may be determined by] the legislative body of such town shall  
7 designate as many places for holding elections as necessary to  
8 reasonably ensure that the time an elector spends in line to vote at any  
9 such place will likely not exceed thirty minutes, but in no case shall such  
10 legislative body designate fewer than one such place. In towns divided  
11 into voting districts the place of holding elections shall be determined

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

37 Sec. 2. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

39 The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or  
40 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,  
41 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters  
42 of any municipality taking such action shall [provide a suitable polling  
43 place in each district but, if] designate in each voting district as many  
44 polling places as necessary to reasonably ensure that the time an elector  
45 spends in line to vote at any such polling place will likely not exceed

46 thirty minutes, but in no case shall such registrars designate in each  
47 district fewer than one such polling place, except that, if the registrars  
48 fail to agree as to the location of any polling place or places, the  
49 legislative body shall determine the location thereof. Polling places to  
50 be used in an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days before  
51 such election, and such polling places shall not be changed within said  
52 period of thirty-one days except that, if the municipal clerk and  
53 registrars of voters of a municipality unanimously find that any such  
54 polling place within such municipality has been rendered unusable  
55 within such period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place  
56 to be used in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give  
57 adequate notice that such polling place has been so changed. The  
58 registrars of voters shall keep separate lists of the electors residing in  
59 each district and shall appoint for each district a moderator in  
60 accordance with the provisions of section 9-229 and such other election  
61 officials as are required by law, and shall designate one of the  
62 moderators so appointed or any other elector of such town to be the  
63 head moderator for the purpose of declaring the results of elections in  
64 the whole municipality. The registrars may also designate a deputy  
65 head moderator to assist the head moderator in the performance of his  
66 duties provided the deputy head moderator and the head moderator  
67 shall not be enrolled in the same major party, as defined in subdivision  
68 (5) of section 9-372. The selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and  
69 all other officers of the municipality shall perform the duties required of  
70 them by law with respect to elections in each voting district established  
71 in accordance with this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn  
72 by a municipality so as to conflict with the lines of congressional  
73 districts, senate districts or assembly districts as established by law,  
74 except (1) as provided in section 9-169d and (2) that as to municipal  
75 elections, any part of a split voting district containing less than two  
76 hundred electors may be combined with another voting district adjacent  
77 thereto from which all and the same officers are elected at such  
78 municipal election. Any change in the boundaries of voting districts  
79 made within ninety days prior to any election or primary shall not apply  
80 with respect to such election or primary. The provisions of this section

81 shall prevail over any contrary provision of any charter or special act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-168
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-169