



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

The Senate was called to order in Special Session at 12:21 p.m., in accordance with a Proclamation from the Governor dated September 22, 2023, President in the Chair.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Marty Dunleavy of New Haven, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

We ask help that we may bring renewal to all those who live in pain, as we hold fast to the knowledge that the sun will rise again, and that all life will reawaken.

PLEDGE

Senator Hochadel of the 13th led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk.

A PROCLAMATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Connecticut's presidential primary is currently held on the last Tuesday in April of each year in which the President of the United States is to be elected; and

WHEREAS, moving the date for presidential primaries in Connecticut to the first Tuesday in April of each year in which the President of the United States is to be elected will give Connecticut voters a greater voice in the presidential primary outcome; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the terms of any elected official that are set to expire before the next regular election because of an election date change must be extended to the date of such election; and

WHEREAS, extending the term of any municipal elected official to conform to the beginning of the succeeding term will allow for incumbent municipal elected officials in towns where the term

would have expired prior to the next regular election to continue serving and representing such municipality until the beginning of the succeeding term; and

WHEREAS, after a primary or election, a canvass of the vote generally takes place when there is a discrepancy, close vote, or tie and improvements to the procedures related to canvasses are needed; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the procedure related to canvasses include ensuring that each voting district at any such election uses a dedicated voting tabulator or tabulators that only registers and counts votes cast for such voting district, requiring the Secretary of State to develop an instructional training video on canvass procedures that will be distributed to canvass officials before a canvass begins, allowing any party representative to have the right to view each ballot as it is being canvassed and authorizing the moderator to remove individuals causing disorder during a canvass; and

WHEREAS, the effective date for requiring EMS personnel, under specified conditions, to administer epinephrine using automatic prefilled cartridge injectors, similar automatic injectable equipment, or prefilled vials and syringes should be changed from October 1, 2023, to July 1 2024, to provide more time for implementation; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an election monitor to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in management of election administration procedures and conduct of elections in certain municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State should be authorized to retain such election monitor to conduct inspections and investigations, have access to all records and data, and be authorized to immediately report to the Secretary of State any irregularity or impropriety related to the election process; and

WHEREAS, the act of solicitation over the internet for a contribution to any committee, as defined under current campaign financing law, should not be considered an expenditure under the law.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me under Article III of the Amendments to the Constitution of Connecticut and Section 2-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, in order to preserve orderly and decent government, do hereby:

Convene the General Assembly in Special Session in Hartford no earlier than September 26, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. to:

1. Enact legislation to change the date of Connecticut's presidential preference primary to the first Tuesday in April of each year in which the President of the United States is to be elected; and

2. Enact legislation extending the term of any incumbent municipal elected official to conform to the beginning of the succeeding term; and

3. Enact legislation improving the procedure related to canvasses including ensuring that each voting district at any such election uses a dedicated voting tabulator or tabulators that only registers and counts votes cast for such voting district, requiring the Secretary of State to develop an instructional training video on canvass procedures that will be distributed to officials before a canvass begins, allowing any party representative to have the right to view each ballot as it is being canvassed and authorizing the moderator to remove individuals causing disorder during a canvass; and

4. Enact legislation changing the effective date from October 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024, for requiring EMS personnel, under specified conditions, to administer epinephrine using automatic

prefilled cartridge injectors, similar automatic injectable equipment, or prefilled vials and syringes; and

5. Enact legislation authorizing the Secretary of State to retain an election monitor to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in the management of election administration procedures and the conduct of elections in certain municipalities; and

6. Enact legislation clarifying that a solicitation over the internet for a contribution to any committee, as defined under current campaign financing law, shall not be considered an expenditure under the law.

Given under my hand and Seal of the State at the City of Hartford, this 22nd Day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

Ned Lamont
Governor

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

The following communication was received from the honorable Secretary of State, introduced and read by the Clerk:

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GOVERNOR**

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WHEREAS, extending the term of any municipal elected official to conform to the beginning of the succeeding term will allow for incumbent municipal elected officials in towns where the term would have expired prior to the next regular election to continue serving and representing such municipality until the beginning of the succeeding term; and

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2. Enact legislation extending the term of any incumbent municipal elected official to conform to the beginning of the succeeding term; and
3. Enact legislation improving the procedure related to recanvasses including ensuring that each voting district at any such election uses a dedicated voting tabulator or tabulators that only registers and counts votes cast for such voting district, requiring the Secretary of State to develop an instructional training video on recanvass procedures that will be distributed officials before a recanvass begins, allowing any party representative to have the right to view each ballot as it is being recanvassed and authorizing the moderator to remove individuals causing disorder during a recanvass; and
4. Enact legislation changing the effective date from October 1, 2023, to July 1, 2024, for requiring EMS personnel, under specified conditions, to administer epinephrine using automatic prefilled cartridge injectors, similar automatic injectable equipment, or prefilled vials and syringes; and
5. Enact legislation authorizing the Secretary of State to retain an election monitor to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in the management of election administration procedures and the conduct of elections in certain municipalities; and
6. Enact legislation clarifying that a solicitation over the internet for a contribution to any committee, as defined under current campaign financing law, shall not be considered an expenditure under the law.

Given under my hand and Seal of the State at the City of Hartford, this 22nd Day of September in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

Ned Lamont

Governor

**INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTION
AND SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS.**

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the first reading of the following resolutions was waived, the list of resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted:

S.R. No. **121** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

S.J. No. **121** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

S.J. No. **122** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXPENSES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

S.J. No. **123** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE JOURNALS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

**INTRODUCTION OF
SENATE RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The following resolutions were introduced, read, and adopted.

S.R. No. **121** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the resolution.

That the rules of the Senate at this Special Session shall be the same as the rules of the Senate in force at the 2022 regular session, except as said rules are amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

Strike out Rules 7, 9, 13, 17 and 18 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

9. A bill or resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

Strike out Rule 19 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

19. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reception of communications from the Governor and the Secretary of the State.
2. Introduction of bills and resolutions.

3. Reception of business from the House.
 4. Introduction of guests.
- Strike out Rule 29 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

29. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:

1. To adjourn.
2. To recess.
3. For the previous question.
4. To close the debate at a specified time.
5. To pass temporarily.
6. To pass retain.
7. To postpone to a certain time.
8. To divide the question.
9. To amend.
10. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order listed in this rule, and no motion to continue to the next General Assembly or to postpone indefinitely, having been once decided, shall be again allowed at the same session and at the same state of the bill or subject matter.

Strike out Rule 30 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

30. Amendments shall be filed with the Clerk of the Senate.

Any member who offers an amendment, originating in the Senate which, if adopted, would reduce state revenues or increase state expenditures by a specified amount or which would involve a significant fiscal impact, shall make available to the president, president pro tempore, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate at the time the amendment is offered, in addition to a fiscal note, a signed and typewritten explanation, of the decrease in expenditures or the source of the increased revenues required to balance the state budget.

Whenever a bill is substantively amended, it may be referred to the legislative commissioners to be re-examined for the purposes set forth in Rule 13 of the Joint Rules for the 2022 regular session and to be reprinted as amended. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of any such bill within three calendar days of its receipt. The bill shall then be transmitted to the clerk.

Add a new Rule 38 as follows:

38. Only those bills and substantive resolutions specified in paragraph 1 of Rule 7 of the Joint Rules for this Special Session, certified as provided in Rule 9 of said Joint Rules, and, except as provided in Rule 33 of said Joint Rules, only those resolutions pertaining to the rules of this Special Session, the printing of the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the expenses of this Special Session, shall be received.

**INTRODUCTION OF
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

The following resolutions were introduced, read, and adopted.

S.J. No. **121** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the resolution.

That the joint rules of this Special Session shall be the same as the joint rules in force at the 2023 regular session, except as said rules are amended, altered or repealed in this resolution.

Strike out Rules 3 to 6, inclusive.

Strike out Rule 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY

7. Only bills and substantive resolutions specified in the Proclamation by the Governor, dated September 22, 2023, convening the General Assembly in Special Session on September 26, 2023, shall be received.

The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare all bills and resolutions. When a bill or resolution has been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office and signed by the Speaker and President Pro Tempore, the bill or resolution shall immediately be given to the clerk of the Senate or the House as designated. Before or at the time the bill or resolution is given to the clerk, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall provide to the Office of Fiscal Analysis copies of each bill or resolution to prepare a fiscal note if required by Rule 15 of the joint rules.

Each bill and resolution shall be printed, without interlineation or erasure. The duplicate copies of each bill or resolution shall be made on yellow-colored and blue-colored paper, respectively, of the same size and format as the original.

Each bill amending any statute or special act shall set forth in full the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended. Matter to be omitted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or overstricken so that the omitted or repealed matter remains readable, and new matter shall be indicated by capitalization or underscoring of all words in the original bill and by capitalization, underscoring or italics in its printed form. In the case of a section or subsection not amending an existing section of the general statutes but intended to be part of the general statutes, the section or subsection may be in upper and lower case letters preceded by the word (NEW).

Each bill and resolution shall be transmitted, in triplicate, by the Legislative Commissioners' Office to the clerks of the House or Senate.

The clerks shall number each bill and resolution.

The clerks shall certify and keep on file a duplicate copy of each bill and resolution. The certified duplicate copy shall remain at all times in the clerk's office. If the original cannot be located, a copy of such certified duplicate copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of the original.

The clerks shall make a notation on the certified duplicate copy of all action taken on the original.

Any member of the General Assembly may co-sponsor a bill or resolution by making a request in writing after it has been filed, to the clerk of the chamber in which the bill or resolution has been filed to add his or her name as a co-sponsor of the bill or resolution, but not later than the date of the signing of the bill, or the deadline for the signing of the bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the adoption of the resolution.

After introduction no bill or resolution shall be altered except by the legislative commissioners.

Strike out Rule 8.

Strike out Rule 9 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. Only bills and substantive resolutions certified by the Speaker and President Pro Tempore in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes may be introduced. Bills and resolutions so certified by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore shall be identified as "bills" or "resolutions".

Strike out Rules 10 and 11.

Strike out Rule 13.

Strike out Rule 14 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

TRANSMITTAL BETWEEN HOUSES

14. Upon passage in the first house, a bill or joint resolution shall be transmitted immediately to the second house.

Strike out Rule 15 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

15. Any bill or substantive resolution which, if passed or adopted, would affect state or municipal revenue, or would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note attached. Any fiscal note printed with or prepared for a bill or resolution shall be solely for the purpose of information, summarization and explanation for members of the General Assembly and shall not be construed to represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal note shall bear the following disclaimer: "The following Fiscal Impact Statement is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution in the House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal note shall be available at the time the amendment is offered. Any fiscal note prepared for such an amendment shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required under this rule.

Strike out Rule 16 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - READINGS

16. First reading of a bill or resolution shall be by title and number. Second reading shall be passage or rejection of the bill or resolution.

Strike out Rule 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

17. Each bill or resolution may be acted upon immediately. No bill or substantive resolution may be acted upon unless it is accompanied by a fiscal note.

Each bill and substantive resolution shall be voted upon by a roll call vote. A bill or resolution, certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President Pro Tempore.

Strike out Rules 18, 19, 20, 27, 31, 32 and 34.

S.J. No. **122** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXPENSES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

That the Joint Committee on Legislative Management is authorized to pay the necessary expenses of this Special Session of the General Assembly.

S.J. No. **123** "RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE JOURNALS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023."

Senator Duff of the 25th explained the resolution and moved adoption.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the resolution:

That the journals of the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives at this Special Session shall be printed as provided in section 2-49 of the general statutes.

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNOR**

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the rules were suspended for immediate transmittal to the Governor:

NO. S.J. No. **121** RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023.

NO. S.J. No. **122** RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXPENSES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023.

NO. S.J. No. **123** RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINTING OF THE JOURNALS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26 SPECIAL SESSION, 2023.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 12:26 p.m. recessed.

AFTER RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:31 p.m., the President in the Chair.

**EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION
HOUSE BILL
HOUSE BILL PASSED**

The following House Bill was introduced, read by the Clerk, and passed. (Emergency Certification signed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House accompanied the bill in accordance with Section 2-26 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Joint Rules 9 and 15.)

H.B. 7001 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTIONS."

Senator Flexer of the 29th explained the bill and moved passage.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th.

Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th, Moore of the 22nd, Gaston of the 23rd, and Sampson of the 16th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:33 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 10322) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 MARTHA MARX
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 MD RAHMAN	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 HERRON GASTON
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 LISA SEMINARA	N 26 CECI MAHER
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 STEPHEN HARDING
N 13 JAN HOCHADEL	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 JEFF GORDON
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 RYAN FAZIO

The following is the Amendment.

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

"Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 23-158, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) [(1)] For purposes of this section, "mailed" means [(A)] sent by the United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the State, [, or (B) deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by the Secretary.]

[(2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets, as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-140, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls at the election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each such ballot deposited in such drop box.]"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(c)

Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 10324), moved adoption, and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking was Senator Flexer of the 29th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:45 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 10324) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20	MARTHA MARX
N 3	SAUD ANWAR	Y 21	KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4	MD RAHMAN	N 22	MARILYN MOORE
N 5	DEREK SLAP	N 23	HERRON GASTON
N 6	RICK LOPES	N 24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25	BOB DUFF
Y 8	LISA SEMINARA	N 26	CECI MAHER
N 9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10	GARY WINFIELD	Y 28	TONY HWANG
N 11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29	MAE FLEXER
N 12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30	STEPHEN HARDING
N 13	JAN HOCHADEL	Y 31	HENRI MARTIN
N 14	JAMES MARONEY	Y 32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16	ROB SAMPSON	Y 34	PAUL CICARELLA
N 17	JORGE CABRERA	Y 35	JEFF GORDON
Y 18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36	RYAN FAZIO

The following is the Amendment.

Strike subsection (b) of section 7 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall: (1) Conduct inspections, inquiries and investigations relating to any duty or responsibility under title 9 of the general statutes to be carried out by any official of the municipality or appointee of such official; (2) have access to all records, data and material maintained by or available to any such official or appointee; (3) immediately report to the Secretary of the State any irregularity or impropriety in the performance of any duty or responsibility described in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (4) not later than December 31, 2024, submit to the Secretary, the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections such election monitor's detailed findings on the management of election administration procedures and the conduct of the municipal election in 2023 and the state election in 2024 in such municipality. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit said commission from taking any action authorized under section 9-7b of the general statutes."

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

"Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 23-158, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the State, or (B) deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets, as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-140, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls at the election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each such ballot deposited in such drop box.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no drop box may be made available for the mailing of absentee ballots under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection until the election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of section 7 of this act submits the report required under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 7 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(c)
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Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “C” (LCO 10327), moved adoption, and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking was Senator Flexer of the 29th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 4:07 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “C” (LCO 10327) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 MARTHA MARX
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 MD RAHMAN	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 HERRON GASTON
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 LISA SEMINARA	N 26 CECI MAHER
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
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N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 JEFF GORDON
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 RYAN FAZIO

The following is the Amendment.

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

"Sec. 501. Subsection (1) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(1) No [candidate, party or political committee, or agent of such candidate or committee] person, including any state or municipal official, shall mail [unsolicited applications for absentee ballots to any person, unless such mailing includes: (1) A written explanation of the eligibility requirements for voting by absentee ballot as prescribed in subsection (a) of section 9-135, and (2) a written warning that voting or attempting to vote by absentee ballot without meeting one or more of such eligibility requirements subjects the elector or applicant to potential civil and criminal penalties. As used in this subsection, "agent" means any person authorized to act on behalf of another person] or deliver any unsolicited application for an absentee ballot to any other person unless such other person has requested such application."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(1)

Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “D” (LCO 10320), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking was Senator Flexer of the 29th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 4:19 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “D” (LCO 10320) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 MARTHA MARX
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 MD RAHMAN	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 HERRON GASTON
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 LISA SEMINARA	N 26 CECI MAHER
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 STEPHEN HARDING
N 13 JAN HOCHADEL	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 JEFF GORDON
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 RYAN FAZIO

The following is the Amendment.

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

"Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-1h of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for an identity card. The application for an identity card shall be accompanied by the birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of identification of the applicant issued and authorized for such use by the Department of Correction and, except as provided in this subsection, a fee of twenty-eight dollars. Such application shall include: (1) The applicant's name; (2) the applicant's address; (3) whether the address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's

date of birth; (5) notice to the applicant that false statements on such application are punishable under section 53a-157b; and (6) such other pertinent information as the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles deems necessary. The applicant shall sign the application in the presence of an official of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner shall waive the fee for any applicant who does not have the means to pay such fee, including any applicant who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons or a certified homeless youth or certified homeless young adult. The commissioner may waive the fee for any applicant (A) who has voluntarily surrendered such applicant's motor vehicle operator's license, (B) whose license has been refused by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36, or (C) who is both a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and blind, as defined in subsection (a) of section 1-1f, [or (D) who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons or a certified homeless youth or certified homeless young adult. The] Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any such [homeless] applicant who does not have the means to pay the fee for such identity card. For the purposes of this subsection, "certified homeless youth" and "certified homeless young adult" have the same meanings as provided in section 7-36.

(b) (1) An identity card shall indicate its date of expiration, contain a picture of the applicant and specify the applicant's height, sex and eye color.

(2) (A) An original identity card shall expire within a period not exceeding seven years following the date of the applicant's next birthday. Any person who holds an identity card may be notified by the commissioner before its expiration and may renew such card in such manner as the commissioner shall prescribe. Upon renewal of an identity card, the commissioner may issue an identity card for a period to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not exceed eight years. [The] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, (i) the fee for the renewal of an identity card that expires eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars, [The] and (ii) the commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for an identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of issuance. The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the holder of an identity card if the United States Postal Service has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for such person that is in the records of the department.

(B) The commissioner shall waive the fee for the renewal of an identity card, or any prorated amount of such fee, for any person who does not have the means to pay such fee or prorated amount.

Sec. 502. Section 9-140a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Each absentee ballot applicant shall sign the form on the inner envelope provided for in section 9-137 which shall constitute a statement under the penalties of false statement in absentee balloting. Any absentee ballot applicant who is unable to write may cause his name to be signed on the form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed by the word "by" and his own signature. The failure of the applicant or authorized agent to date the form shall not invalidate the ballot. The ballot shall be inserted in the inner envelope, [and] the inner envelope shall be inserted in the outer envelope [,] and a copy of the applicant's photo identification shall also be inserted in the outer envelope prior to the return of the ballot to the municipal clerk. [If an applicant is required to return identification with the ballot pursuant to the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, such identification shall be inserted in the outer envelope so such identification can be viewed without opening the inner envelope.]

Sec. 503. Subsection (a) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) An absentee ballot shall be cast at a primary, election or referendum only if: (1) It is mailed by (A) the ballot applicant, (B) a designee of a person who applies for an absentee ballot because of illness or physical disability, or (C) a member of the immediate family of an applicant who is a student, so that it is received by the clerk of the municipality in which the applicant is qualified to vote not later than the close of the polls; (2) it is returned by the applicant in person to the clerk by the day before a regular election, special election or primary or prior to the opening of the polls on the day of a referendum; (3) it is returned by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot

applicant, in person, to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum; (4) it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the absentee voter, in person, to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum; (5) in the case of a presidential or overseas ballot, it is mailed or otherwise returned pursuant to the provisions of section 9-158g; or (6) it is returned with [the proper] a copy of the applicant's photo identification [as required by the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, if applicable, inserted in the outer envelope so such identification can be viewed without opening the inner envelope] inserted in the outer envelope. A person returning an absentee ballot to the municipal clerk pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection shall present identification and, on the outer envelope of the absentee ballot, sign his name in the presence of the municipal clerk, and indicate his address, his relationship to the voter or his position, and the date and time of such return. As used in this section, "immediate family" means a dependent relative who resides in the individual's household or any spouse, child, parent or sibling of the individual."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	1-1h(a) and (b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-140a
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(a)

Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "E" (LCO 10332), moved adoption, and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking was Senator Flexer of the 29th, Winfield of the 10th, Moore of the 22nd,

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 4:50 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	34
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting.....	2

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "E" (LCO 10332) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20	MARTHA MARX
N 3	SAUD ANWAR	Y 21	KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4	MD RAHMAN	N 22	MARILYN MOORE
N 5	DEREK SLAP	N 23	HERRON GASTON
N 6	RICK LOPES	N 24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25	BOB DUFF
Y 8	LISA SEMINARA	N 26	CECI MAHER
A 9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10	GARY WINFIELD	Y 28	TONY HWANG
N 11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29	MAE FLEXER
N 12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30	STEPHEN HARDING
N 13	JAN HOCHADEL	Y 31	HENRI MARTIN
N 14	JAMES MARONEY	Y 32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16	ROB SAMPSON	Y 34	PAUL CICARELLA
N 17	JORGE CABRERA	Y 35	JEFF GORDON
Y 18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36	RYAN FAZIO

The following is the Amendment.

Strike subsection (b) of section 7 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall: (1) Conduct inspections, inquiries and investigations relating to any duty or responsibility under title 9 of the general statutes to be carried out by any official of the municipality or appointee of such official; (2) have access to all records, data and material maintained by or available to any such official or appointee; and (3) immediately report to the Secretary of the State any irregularity or impropriety in the performance of any duty or responsibility described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that, in the case of any such irregularity or impropriety that would constitute a violation of section 9-359 of the general statutes, as amended by section 501 of this act, or section 9-359a of the general statutes, as amended by section 502 of this act, such election monitor shall also immediately report such irregularity or impropriety to the Chief State's Attorney. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the State Elections Enforcement Commission from taking any action authorized under section 9-7b of the general statutes."

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

"Sec. 501. Section 9-359 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any (1) person who executes an absentee ballot for the purpose of informing any other person how he votes, or procures any absentee ballot to be prepared for such purpose, (2) municipal clerk or moderator, elector appointed to count any absentee ballot or other person who wilfully attempts to ascertain how any elector marked his absentee ballot or how it was cast, (3) person who unlawfully opens or fills out, except as provided in section 9-140a with respect to a person unable to write, any elector's absentee ballot signed in blank, (4) person designated under section 9-140a who executes an absentee ballot contrary to the elector's wishes, or (5) person who wilfully violates any provision of chapter 145, shall be guilty of a class D felony with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months which may not be suspended or reduced.

Sec. 502. Section 9-359a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) A person is guilty of false statement in absentee balloting when he intentionally makes a false written statement in or on or signs the name of another person to the application for an absentee ballot or the inner envelope accompanying any such ballot, which he does not believe to be true and which statement or signature is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official function.

(b) False statement in absentee balloting is a class D felony with a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of twelve months which may not be suspended or reduced."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-359
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-359a

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th, Anwar of the 3rd, McCrory of the 2nd, Kelly of the 21st, and Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 5:21 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote House Bill No. 7001 was passed in concurrence with the House.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 MARTHA MARX
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 MD RAHMAN	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	Y 23 HERRON GASTON
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25 BOB DUFF
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Y 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	A 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y 29 MAE FLEXER
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Y 13 JAN HOCHADEL	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
Y 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 JEFF GORDON
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 RYAN FAZIO

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES
IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOVERNOR**

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the rules were suspended for immediate transmittal to the Governor.

H.B. 7001 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTIONS."

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 5:21 pm. adjourned sine die.

Attest: Michael A. Jefferson
Clerk of the Senate
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut
September 26, 2023, 5:21 p.m.