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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO EARLY VOTING."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 9-311 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5 *passage*):

6 (a) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the moderator  
7 that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such  
8 moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written  
9 notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of at least  
10 two checkers of different political parties and at least two absentee ballot  
11 counters of different political parties who served at such election, and  
12 the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the election was  
13 held and such other officials as may be required to conduct such  
14 recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars of  
15 voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository envelopes

16 required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots provided for  
17 in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of absentee  
18 ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns and  
19 shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not later  
20 than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the returns of  
21 a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or write-in  
22 ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such recanvass  
23 officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the registrar of  
24 voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass official unable  
25 to attend shall designate another elector having previous training and  
26 experience in the conduct of elections to take his place. Before such  
27 recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in writing, to the  
28 chairperson of the town committee of each political party which  
29 nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state election,  
30 not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made  
31 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the  
32 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such  
33 chairperson may send party representatives to be present at such  
34 recanvass, and the Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall be present  
35 at such recanvass whenever the recanvass involves an office for which  
36 all the electors of the state may vote. Such party representatives may  
37 observe, but no one other than a recanvass official may take part in the  
38 recanvass. If any irregularity in the recanvass procedure is noted by  
39 such a party representative, he shall be permitted to present evidence of  
40 such irregularity in any contest relating to the election.

41 Sec. 502. Section 9-311c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

43 (a) The Secretary of the State shall develop an instructional training  
44 video on recanvass procedures, based on the most recent Recanvass  
45 Procedure Manual published on the Internet web site of the office of the  
46 Secretary of the State. Whenever a recanvass is required to be  
47 conducted, the Secretary shall distribute such instructional training  
48 video to the recanvass officials and such recanvass officials shall view

49 such instructional training video immediately before commencing such  
50 recanvass.

51 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and at least once every two years  
52 thereafter, the Secretary of the State shall revise the Recanvass  
53 Procedure Manual published on the Internet web site of the office of the  
54 Secretary of the State for purposes of standardizing best practices and  
55 addressing process deficiencies."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-311(a)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-311c