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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND PROVISIONS
RELATED TO ELECTIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-164 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (a) (1) (A) On and after January 1, 2022, and notwithstanding any
5 contrary provision of law, there shall be held in each municipality,
6 biennially, a municipal election on the Tuesday after the first Monday
7 of November of the odd-numbered years, except that such municipal
8 election may be held on the first Monday of May of the odd-numbered
9 years if the legislative body of such municipality so determines by a
10 three-fourths vote.

11 (B) In any municipality where the legislative body determines to hold

12 its municipal election on the first Monday of May of the odd-numbered
13 years in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
14 subdivision, such legislative body may subsequently determine by a
15 majority vote to hold such municipal election on the Tuesday after the
16 first Monday of November of the odd-numbered years.

17 (2) In any municipality where the term of any incumbent municipal
18 electd official would expire prior to the next regular election held
19 under the provisions of this section, the term of such official shall be
20 extended to [the date of such election] conform to the beginning of the
21 succeeding term under section 9-187a.

22 Sec. 2. Section 9-464 of the general statutes is repealed and the
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

24 On the [last] first Tuesday in April of each year in which the President
25 of the United States is to be elected, each party shall conduct a primary
26 in each town if the names of two or more candidates are to be placed on
27 such party's ballot in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

28 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-238 of the general statutes is
29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
30 *2025*):

31 (a) Except as provided in section 9-272, voting tabulators shall be
32 used at all elections held in any municipality, or in any part thereof, for
33 voting and registering and counting votes cast at such elections for
34 officers, and upon all questions or amendments submitted at such
35 elections. The board of selectmen of each town, the common council of
36 each city and the warden and burgesses of each borough shall purchase
37 or lease, or otherwise provide, for use at elections in each such
38 municipality a number of voting tabulators approved by the Secretary
39 of the State. Different voting tabulators may be provided for different
40 voting districts in the same municipality. Notwithstanding any
41 provision of this subsection, [to the contrary,] the registrars of voters of
42 a municipality [may determine the number of voting tabulators that
43 shall be provided for use at any special election in such municipality,

44 provided the registrars shall provide at least one voting tabulator in the
45 municipality or, in a municipality divided into voting districts, at least
46 one voting tabulator in each such district] shall ensure that each voting
47 district at any such election uses a dedicated voting tabulator or
48 tabulators that only registers and counts votes cast for such voting
49 district. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the counting
50 of ballots at a central location designated for such purpose or to the
51 conduct of a recanvass.

52 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) The Secretary of the State shall
53 develop an instructional training video on recanvass procedures, based
54 on the most recent Recanvass Procedure Manual published on the
55 Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State. Whenever a
56 recanvass is required to be conducted, the Secretary shall distribute such
57 instructional training video to the recanvass officials and such recanvass
58 officials shall view such instructional training video immediately before
59 commencing such recanvass.

60 Sec. 5. Section 9-311 of the general statutes, as amended by section 27
61 of public act 23-22, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
62 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

63 (a) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the moderator
64 that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such
65 moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by written
66 notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of at least
67 two checkers of different political parties and at least two absentee ballot
68 counters of different political parties who served at such election, and
69 the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the election was
70 held and such other officials as may be required to conduct such
71 recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars of
72 voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository envelopes
73 required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots provided for
74 in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of absentee
75 ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns and
76 shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not later

77 than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the returns of
78 a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or write-in
79 ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such recanvass
80 officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the registrar of
81 voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass official unable
82 to attend shall designate another elector having previous training and
83 experience in the conduct of elections to take his place. Before such
84 recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in writing, to the
85 [chairman] chairperson of the town committee of each political party
86 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
87 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
88 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
89 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
90 [chairman] chairperson may send party representatives to be present at
91 such recanvass. Such party representatives may observe, but no one
92 other than a recanvass official may take part in the recanvass. If any
93 irregularity in the recanvass procedure is noted by such a party
94 representative, he shall be permitted to present evidence of such
95 irregularity in any contest relating to the election.

96 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
97 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
98 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
99 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such
100 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,
101 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such
102 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open
103 to public observation, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this
104 section. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of such moderator
105 and registrars of voters, make a record of the number on the seal and
106 the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, on each voting
107 tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of voters in the
108 presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each such
109 tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials, in the
110 presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall immediately

111 proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then open the
112 package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the
113 course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials
114 shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner
115 envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list to verify
116 postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to determine
117 whether the number of envelopes from which absentee ballots have
118 been removed is the same as the number of persons checked as having
119 voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed
120 at this time. Any party representative present shall have a right to view
121 each ballot as it is being recanvassed by the recanvass officials, so as to
122 be able to discern the markings on such ballot. All of the recanvass
123 officials shall use the same forms for tallies and returns as were used at
124 the original canvass and the absentee ballot counters shall also sign the
125 tallies.

126 (c) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
127 prescribed in section 9-309, as amended by [this act] public act 23-22, on
128 return forms provided by the registrars of voters and appended thereto
129 shall be a statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and
130 place of the recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party
131 affiliations of the recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be
132 replaced in a properly secured sealed package. Upon the completion of
133 such recanvass, any tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and
134 sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately be returned to such registrars
135 of voters and such tabulator shall remain so locked until the expiration
136 of fourteen days after such election or for such longer period as is
137 ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The absentee ballots shall
138 be replaced in their wrappers and be resealed by the moderator in the
139 presence of the recanvass officials. Upon the completion of such
140 recanvass, such moderator and at least two of the recanvass officials of
141 different political parties shall forthwith prepare and sign such return
142 forms which shall contain a written statement giving the result of such
143 recanvass for each tabulator and each package of absentee ballots whose
144 returns were so recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original

145 canvass was correctly made and stating whether or not the discrepancy
146 still remains unaccounted for. Such return forms containing such
147 statement shall forthwith be filed by the moderator in the office of such
148 clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was
149 not correctly made, such return forms containing such statement so filed
150 with the clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state
151 election, a recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form
152 prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State, and the
153 moderator shall file one copy with the Secretary of the State and one
154 copy with the town clerk not later than ten days after the election. Such
155 recanvass return shall be substituted for the original return and shall
156 have the same force and effect as an original return.

157 (d) The moderator may, when any disorder arises that interferes with
158 the conduct of a recanvass, including any attempt by a person other than
159 a recanvass official to take part in such recanvass or by such a person to
160 communicate with a recanvass official other than the moderator, and the
161 offender refuses to submit to the moderator's lawful authority, order
162 that the offender be removed by the recanvass officials from such
163 recanvass until the offender conforms to order or, if need be, until such
164 recanvass is completed.

165 [(d)] (e) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of
166 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the
167 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,
168 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a
169 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different
170 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in
171 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the
172 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was
173 moderator.

174 Sec. 6. Section 19a-197a of the general statutes, as amended by section
175 42 of public act 23-97, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
176 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

177 (a) As used in this section, "emergency medical services personnel"
178 means (1) any class of emergency medical technician certified pursuant
179 to sections 20-206ll and 20-206mm, including, but not limited to, any
180 advanced emergency medical technician, (2) any paramedic licensed
181 pursuant to sections 20-206ll and 20-206mm, and (3) any emergency
182 medical responder certified pursuant to sections 20-206ll and 20-
183 206mm.

184 (b) Any emergency medical services personnel who has been trained,
185 in accordance with national standards recognized by the Commissioner
186 of Public Health, in the administration of epinephrine using automatic
187 prefilled cartridge injectors, similar automatic injectable equipment or
188 [by] prefilled vial and syringe and who functions in accordance with
189 written protocols and the standing orders of a licensed physician
190 serving as an emergency department director may administer, on or
191 before June 30, 2024, and shall administer, on and after July 1, 2024,
192 epinephrine using such injectors, equipment or prefilled vial and
193 syringe when the use of epinephrine is deemed necessary by the
194 emergency medical services personnel for the treatment of a patient. All
195 emergency medical services personnel shall receive such training from
196 an organization designated by the commissioner.

197 (c) All licensed or certified ambulances shall be equipped with
198 epinephrine in such injectors, equipment or prefilled vials and syringes
199 [that the emergency medical services personnel shall administer] to be
200 administered as described in subsection (b) of this section and in
201 accordance with written protocols and standing orders of a licensed
202 physician serving as an emergency department director.

203 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be, in any municipality
204 with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand, an election
205 monitor for the municipal election in 2023 and the state election in 2024
206 to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in the management
207 of election administration procedures and the conduct of said elections
208 in such municipality. The office of the Secretary of the State shall
209 contract with an individual to serve in such capacity as election monitor

210 until December 31, 2024, unless such contract is terminated for any
211 reason by the Secretary of the State prior to said date. Such election
212 monitor shall: (1) Not be considered a state employee; (2) be
213 compensated in accordance with such contract; and (3) be reimbursed
214 for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties.
215 Costs related to the service of such election monitor shall be paid from
216 moneys appropriated to the Secretary for such purpose. Such
217 municipality shall provide for such election monitor any office space,
218 supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out the
219 duties and responsibilities of the position. As used in this section,
220 "population" means the estimated number of people according to the
221 most recent version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant
222 to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

223 (b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section
224 shall: (1) Conduct inspections, inquiries and investigations relating to
225 any duty or responsibility under title 9 of the general statutes to be
226 carried out by any official of the municipality or appointee of such
227 official; (2) have access to all records, data and material maintained by
228 or available to any such official or appointee; and (3) immediately report
229 to the Secretary of the State any irregularity or impropriety in the
230 performance of any duty or responsibility described in subdivision (1)
231 of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit
232 the State Elections Enforcement Commission from taking any action
233 authorized under section 9-7b of the general statutes.

234 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$150,000 of the amount
235 appropriated in section 1 of public act 23-204, to the Elections
236 Enforcement Commission, for Elections Enforcement Commission, for
237 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall be transferred to the Secretary
238 of the State, for Other Expenses, and made available during said fiscal
239 year to support the cost of one election monitor position for the city of
240 Bridgeport.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-164(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-464
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-238(a)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-311
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	19a-197a
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section