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**Substitute Bill No. 1185**



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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTION STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 2-111 of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

4 (1) Four members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be  
5 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
6 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,  
7 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
8 Representatives, and one of [who] whom shall be appointed by the  
9 minority leader of the Senate;

10 Sec. 2. Section 2-129 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

12 (a) Wherever the [terms] term "Commission on Women, Children  
13 and Seniors" [are] is used in any public or special act of the 2019  
14 regular session, the term "Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,  
15 Equity and Opportunity" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Wherever  
16 the [terms] term "Commission on Equity and Opportunity" [are] is  
17 used in any public or special act of the 2019 regular session, the term  
18 "Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity"

19 shall be substituted in lieu thereof.

20 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the  
21 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and  
22 punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
23 section.

24 Sec. 3. Section 4-67o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

26 As used in this section [,] and sections 2-79e<sub>2</sub> [and] 4-67p and 4-67z:

27 (1) "Data" means the final version of statistical or factual information  
28 that: (A) Is reflected in a list, table, graph, chart or other non-narrative  
29 form that can be digitally or nondigitally transmitted or processed; (B)  
30 is regularly created or maintained by, or on behalf of, an executive  
31 branch agency; and (C) records a measurement, transaction or  
32 determination related to the mission of the agency or is provided to the  
33 agency by third parties pursuant to law.

34 (2) "Executive branch agency" means any agency listed in section 4-  
35 38c, except the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

36 (3) "High value data" means any data that the department head  
37 determines (A) is critical to the operation of an executive branch  
38 agency; (B) can increase executive branch agency accountability and  
39 responsiveness; (C) can improve public knowledge of the executive  
40 branch agency and its operations; (D) can further the core mission of  
41 the executive branch agency; (E) can create economic opportunity; (F)  
42 is frequently requested by the public; (G) responds to a need and  
43 demand as identified by the agency through public consultation; or  
44 (H) is used to satisfy any legislative or other reporting requirements.

45 (4) "Open data" means any data that (A) is freely available in  
46 convenient and modifiable format and can be retrieved, downloaded,  
47 indexed and searched; (B) is formatted in a manner that allows for  
48 automated machine processing; (C) does not have restrictions

49 governing use; (D) is published with the finest possible level of detail  
50 that is practicable and permitted by law; and (E) is described in  
51 enough detail so users of the data have sufficient information to  
52 understand (i) the strengths, weaknesses, analytical limitations and  
53 security requirements of the data, and (ii) how to process such data.

54 (5) "Public data" means any data collected by an executive branch  
55 agency that is permitted to be made available to the public, consistent  
56 with any and all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances,  
57 resolutions, policies or other restrictions, requirements or rights  
58 associated with the data, including, but not limited to, contractual or  
59 other legal restrictions, orders or requirements.

60 (6) "Protected data" means any data the public disclosure of which  
61 would (A) violate federal or state laws or regulations; (B) endanger the  
62 public health, safety or welfare; (C) hinder the operation of the federal,  
63 state or municipal government, including criminal and civil  
64 investigations; or (D) impose an undue financial, operational or  
65 administrative burden on the executive branch agency. "Protected  
66 data" includes any records not required to be disclosed pursuant to  
67 subsection (b) of section 1-210.

68 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the general statutes is  
69 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
70 *October 1, 2023*):

71 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council consisting  
72 of the following members or their designees: The Secretary of the  
73 Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the  
74 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority  
75 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of  
76 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social  
77 Services, Correction, Developmental Services, Mental Health and  
78 Addiction Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education,  
79 Housing, Agriculture and Economic and Community Development,  
80 the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the

81 chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Child  
82 Advocate, the executive directors of the Office of Early Childhood,  
83 [and] the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and [the  
84 executive director of] the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,  
85 Equity and Opportunity. [or a designee.] The Secretary of the Office of  
86 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be the  
87 chairperson of the council. The council shall (1) develop and promote  
88 the implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004, to reduce  
89 the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty per cent,  
90 and (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention goals and  
91 recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes in  
92 accordance with this section in order to promote the health and well-  
93 being of children and families.

94 Sec. 5. Section 4a-60j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
95 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

96 A small contractor shall receive payment on a contract awarded to  
97 him or her under the provisions of sections 4a-60g to 4a-60i, inclusive,  
98 no later than twenty-five days [from] after the due date of any such  
99 payment on such contract.

100 Sec. 6. Subsection (f) of section 5-263b of the general statutes is  
101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
102 *October 1, 2023*):

103 (f) Any suggestion that involves the following shall not be eligible  
104 for an award under this section: (1) Deferred maintenance or  
105 replacement of essential equipment and supplies; (2) individual  
106 employee compensation or position classification; (3) personal  
107 grievances or complaints; (4) suggestions that require a change to, or  
108 that conflict with, federal or state law; (5) suggestions already  
109 submitted by another employee; (6) matters resulting from an agency  
110 audit, study, survey, review or research; (7) suggestions that involve  
111 correcting a condition that exists because established procedures are  
112 not being followed; (8) suggestions that constitute opinions only, and

113 which cannot be supported by demonstrating a better idea, and the  
114 need for same; (9) suggestions concerning any matter subject to  
115 collective bargaining; (10) suggestions circumventing competitive  
116 procurement procedures provided by state law or policy; (11)  
117 suggestions which recommend or require formal studies, surveys,  
118 investigation or similar research activity to establish the benefits of a  
119 suggestion referred to; (12) suggestions which are hypothetical, vague,  
120 based on inconclusive justification or deal with generalities; (13)  
121 suggestions concerning the structure of lottery games conducted by  
122 the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, including, but not limited to,  
123 game design, prize patterns, draw dates and draw frequency; (14) any  
124 suggestion made by the agency suggestion coordinator or agency or  
125 department head; (15) suggestions concerning a practice that is an  
126 alleged gross waste of funds that the suggesting employee participated  
127 in committing; and (16) any suggestion resulting in less than ten  
128 thousand dollars in estimated savings to the agency.

129 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-368c of the general statutes is  
130 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
131 *October 1, 2023*):

132 (a) No person shall intentionally misrepresent the contents of a  
133 petition circulated under this title. [9.]

134 Sec. 8. Subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 17b-28 of the  
135 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
136 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

137 (9) A member of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,  
138 Equity and Opportunity, designated by the executive director of said  
139 commission;

140 Sec. 9. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-7 of the  
141 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
142 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

143 (1) Each board or commission shall exercise its statutory functions,

144 including licensing, certification, registration, accreditation of schools  
145 and the rendering of findings, orders and adjudications. With the  
146 exception of the Liquor Control Commission, any exercise of such  
147 functions by such a board or commission that is adverse to a party  
148 shall be a proposed final decision and subject to approval,  
149 modification or rejection by the commissioner.

150 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 21a-7 of the general statutes is  
151 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
152 *October 1, 2023*):

153 (b) With the exception of the Liquor Control Commission, each  
154 board or commission within the Department of Consumer Protection  
155 under section 21a-6 that makes a proposed final decision that is  
156 adverse to a party as described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of  
157 this section, shall submit such proposed final decision to the  
158 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Not later than thirty calendar  
159 days after receipt of any such proposed final decision, the  
160 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall notify such board or  
161 commission that the commissioner shall render the final decision  
162 concerning such matter. Not later than thirty days after receipt of any  
163 such proposed final decision, the commissioner shall approve, modify  
164 or reject the proposed final decision or remand the proposed final  
165 decision for further review or for the taking of additional evidence.  
166 The commissioner shall notify the board or commission in writing of  
167 the commissioner's decision and include in such notification the  
168 rationale for such decision. The decision of the commissioner shall be  
169 the final decision in accordance with section 4-180 for purposes of  
170 reconsideration in accordance with section 4-181a or appeal to the  
171 Superior Court in accordance with section 4-183.

172 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 32-58b of the general statutes is  
173 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
174 *October 1, 2023*):

175 (b) The Governor, in consultation with the Commissioner of

176 Economic and Community Development, shall appoint an executive  
177 director, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8,  
178 inclusive, as amended by this act, to manage the daily activities and  
179 duties of the Office of Military Affairs. The executive director shall  
180 have the necessary qualifications to perform the duties of said office,  
181 including, but not limited to, having prior military experience, and  
182 having attained the rank of a field grade or senior officer within a  
183 branch of the armed forces. The Governor shall give preference to any  
184 person with the necessary training and experience who has served in  
185 the Navy or who has knowledge or prior experience with the federal  
186 Base Realignment and Closure or "BRAC" process. Within available  
187 appropriations, the executive director shall: (1) Appoint, employ and  
188 remove such assistants, employees and personnel as deemed necessary  
189 for the efficient and effective administration of the activities of the  
190 office; (2) coordinate state and local efforts to prevent the closure or  
191 downsizing of Connecticut military facilities, particularly United States  
192 Naval Submarine Base-New London, located in Groton; (3) maximize  
193 the state's input into the federal Base Realignment and Closure or  
194 "BRAC" process, including, but not limited to, (A) acting as liaison to  
195 the state's congressional delegation on defense, military and BRAC  
196 issues, and (B) coordinating the activities of consultants hired by the  
197 state to assist in monitoring activities related to BRAC; (4) encourage  
198 the relocation of military missions to the state; (5) coordinate state and  
199 local efforts to enhance the quality of life of all branches of military  
200 personnel stationed in or deploying from Connecticut and their  
201 families living or working in Connecticut; (6) review and make  
202 recommendations for state policies that affect Connecticut's military  
203 facilities and defense and homeland security industries; (7) coordinate  
204 state, regional and local efforts to encourage the growth of  
205 Connecticut's defense and homeland security industry; (8) serve as an  
206 advocate for service members and their families to other state agencies;  
207 (9) initiate and sustain collaborative partnerships with local military  
208 commanders; (10) consult with the Department of Economic and  
209 Community Development on proposed financial assistance  
210 agreements with defense and homeland security firms; and (11)

211 prepare and submit a report of activities, findings and  
212 recommendations annually to the Governor and the joint standing  
213 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
214 relating to commerce and public safety, in accordance with the  
215 provisions of section 11-4a.

216 Sec. 12. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
217 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

218 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
219 means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
220 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
221 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
222 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of  
223 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
224 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
225 Public Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
226 Protection, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public  
227 Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner  
228 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social  
229 Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of  
230 Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of  
231 Veterans Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Aging  
232 and Disability Services, [the] Commissioner of Early Childhood, [the]  
233 executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, [the] executive  
234 director of the Office of Military Affairs, [the] executive director of the  
235 Technical Education and Career System, [the] Chief Workforce Officer  
236 and [the] executive director of the Office of Higher Education. As used  
237 in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the  
238 Commissioner of Education.

239 Sec. 13. Subdivisions (103) to (105), inclusive, of subsection (a) of  
240 section 10-29a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
241 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

242 (103) The Governor shall proclaim the month of March of each year



243 to be Peace Corps Month, in recognition of the service provided by the  
244 volunteers of the Peace Corps in supporting the global community.  
245 Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as  
246 the Governor designates for the observance of the month.

247 (104) [Maternal Mental Health Month.] The Governor shall proclaim  
248 the month of May of each year to be Maternal Mental Health Month, to  
249 raise awareness of issues surrounding maternal mental health. Suitable  
250 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
251 Governor designates for the observance of the month.

252 (105) [Maternal Mental Health Day.] The Governor shall proclaim  
253 May fifth of each year to be Maternal Mental Health Day, to raise  
254 awareness of issues surrounding maternal mental health. Suitable  
255 exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the  
256 Governor designates for the observance of the day.

257 Sec. 14. Section 9-139b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

259 [(a)] The Secretary of the State may make any changes in any forms  
260 prescribed by this chapter which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are  
261 necessary to conform to the applicable provisions of federal law.

262 [(b) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
263 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
264 2021, the Secretary of the State may make any changes in any forms  
265 prescribed by this chapter or in any printed, recorded or electronic  
266 material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in the opinion of the  
267 Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions of  
268 law.]

269 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is  
270 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
271 *October 1, 2023*):

272 (g) [(1)] On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets the

273 municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant  
274 whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When  
275 the clerk receives an application during the time period in which  
276 absentee voting sets are to be issued he shall mail an absentee voting  
277 set to the applicant, within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant  
278 submits his application in person at the office of the clerk and asks to  
279 be given his absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk  
280 shall comply with the request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to  
281 an applicant shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address  
282 shown on the application. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be  
283 subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c  
284 and section 9-159q, as amended by this act, concerning persons  
285 designated to deliver or return ballots in cases involving unforeseen  
286 illness or disability and supervised voting at certain health care  
287 institutions.

288 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
289 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
290 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
291 2021, each absentee voting set required to be mailed to an applicant  
292 under said subdivision (A) shall be mailed by the municipal clerk  
293 within forty-eight hours after the application for such absentee voting  
294 set is received by the clerk, or (B) may be mailed by a third-party  
295 mailing vendor approved and selected by the Secretary of the State for  
296 use by the municipal clerk for such purpose, provided any contract  
297 between the Secretary of the State and any such vendor shall require  
298 that such vendor mail each absentee voting set within seventy-two  
299 hours after the application for such absentee voting set is received by  
300 such vendor from the clerk.]

301 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is  
302 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
303 *October 1, 2023*):

304 (b) As used in this section and section 9-150c, "designee" means (1) a  
305 person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness

306 or physical disability, including, but not limited to, a licensed  
307 physician or a registered or practical nurse, (2) a member of the  
308 applicant's family, who is designated by an absentee ballot applicant  
309 and who consents to such designation, or (3) a police officer, registrar  
310 of voters, deputy registrar of voters or assistant registrar of voters in  
311 the municipality in which the applicant resides.

312 Sec. 17. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
313 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

314 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing  
315 absentee ballots received by him under section 9-140b, as amended by  
316 this act, and shall not open such envelopes. The municipal clerk shall  
317 endorse over his signature, upon each outer envelope as he receives it,  
318 the date and precise time of its receipt. The clerk shall make an  
319 affidavit attesting to the accuracy of all such endorsements, and at the  
320 close of the polls shall deliver such affidavit to the head moderator,  
321 who shall endorse the time of its receipt and return it to the clerk after  
322 all counting is complete. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for one  
323 hundred eighty days in accordance with the requirements of section 9-  
324 150b, as amended by this act. The clerk shall keep a list of the names of  
325 the applicants who return absentee ballots to the clerk under section 9-  
326 140b, as amended by this act. The list shall be preserved as a public  
327 record as required by section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

328 (b) (1) [(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
329 subdivision, beginning] Beginning not earlier than the seventh day  
330 before the election, primary or referendum and on any weekday  
331 thereafter, all absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk at or  
332 prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such day may be sorted into voting  
333 districts by the municipal clerk and checked as provided in this  
334 [subparagraph] subsection. On any such day, beginning as soon as the  
335 ballots have been sorted, the registrars of voters, without opening the  
336 outer envelopes, may check the names of the applicants returning  
337 ballots on the official checklist to be used at the election, primary or  
338 referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding each such name

339 and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote  
340 in the primary of either of two parties, the designation of the party in  
341 which the applicants are voting preceding each such name. Unless  
342 absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective polling places,  
343 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act,  
344 the registrars shall also place such indication on a duplicate checklist to  
345 be retained by the municipal clerk until the municipal clerk delivers  
346 such duplicate checklist to the registrars, in accordance with  
347 subsection (e) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters  
348 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

349 [(B) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
350 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
351 2021, beginning on the fourteenth day before such election, primary or  
352 referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots  
353 received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of  
354 such day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and  
355 checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.]

356 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of  
357 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a  
358 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the  
359 municipal clerk and checked as provided in [subparagraph (A) of]  
360 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

361 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the  
362 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the  
363 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word  
364 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the  
365 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

366 (d) After such checking has been completed on any such day, the  
367 municipal clerk shall seal the unopened ballots in a package and retain  
368 them in a safe place.

369 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,

370 ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day before  
371 the election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the  
372 municipal clerk to the registrars between ten o'clock a.m. and twelve  
373 o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary and at twelve  
374 o'clock noon on the day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to  
375 be counted in the respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b)  
376 of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the municipal clerk shall also  
377 deliver to the registrars at this time the duplicate checklist provided for  
378 in subsection (b) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot  
379 counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

380 [(2) (A) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
381 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
382 2021:

383 (i) Ballots received, sorted and checked prior to five o'clock p.m. on  
384 the (I) fourth day before such election, primary or referendum may be  
385 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars at five o'clock p.m. on  
386 such fourth day, (II) third day before such election, primary or  
387 referendum may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such third day,  
388 and (III) second day before such election, primary or referendum may  
389 be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such second day;

390 (ii) Ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day  
391 before such election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the  
392 municipal clerk to the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of such  
393 election, primary or referendum; and

394 (iii) Each time ballots are delivered pursuant to this subparagraph,  
395 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at such time a  
396 copy of the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this  
397 section, current as of the time of such delivery, for the use of the  
398 absentee ballot counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.]

399 [(B)] (2) The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at [times] a time  
400 that is later than [those] the time provided in subdivision (1) of this

401 subsection, [or subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, as applicable,]  
402 provided [any] such time is mutually agreed upon by the municipal  
403 clerk and registrars and is not later than eight o'clock p.m. on the day  
404 of the election, primary or referendum.

405 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock  
406 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be  
407 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by the clerk  
408 separately until delivered to the registrars of voters for checking.

409 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of  
410 such last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six  
411 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall,  
412 upon request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the  
413 municipal clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary  
414 or referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by  
415 the clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight  
416 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

417 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the  
418 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six  
419 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be  
420 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking.  
421 Although absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters  
422 at various times throughout the election, primary or referendum day,  
423 absentee ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

424 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee  
425 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal  
426 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election,  
427 primary or referendum and at the close of the polls pursuant to  
428 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names of the  
429 applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same  
430 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

431 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,

432 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock  
433 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be called  
434 in to the appropriate polling places where they shall be checked by the  
435 checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the  
436 absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist required under  
437 subsection (b) of this section.

438 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place  
439 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act,  
440 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock  
441 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be  
442 checked by the absentee ballot counters and checkers at such polling  
443 place on the official checklist used at such polling place.

444 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
445 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of  
446 the polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official  
447 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists,  
448 bearing the certifications required by section 9-307, as amended by this  
449 act, shall be delivered by the registrars or assistant registrars to the  
450 central counting moderator for that purpose.

451 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place  
452 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act,  
453 the official checklist used at such polling place shall remain in such  
454 polling place for checking by the absentee ballot counters at such  
455 polling place.

456 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked  
457 on the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot  
458 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer  
459 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of the reason for  
460 rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot  
461 counted.

462 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,

463 when central counting is completed and the result is announced, the  
464 central counting moderator shall deliver the duplicate checklist, the  
465 official checklists and the returns required by section 9-150b, as  
466 amended by this act, to the head moderator.

467 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place  
468 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act,  
469 and such counting is completed and the result for such polling place is  
470 announced, the moderator for such polling place shall deliver the  
471 official checklist used at such polling place and the return required by  
472 section 9-150b, as amended by this act, to the head moderator.

473 (j) Each time absentee ballots are delivered by the clerk to the  
474 registrars pursuant to this section, the clerk and registrars shall execute  
475 an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots  
476 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for the period  
477 prescribed in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

478 (k) [(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the]  
479 The absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in  
480 section 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the  
481 registrars.

482 [(2) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
483 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
484 2021, whenever absentee ballots are to be processed before the day of  
485 such election, primary or referendum, pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
486 subsection (c) of section 9-147a, the absentee ballot counters shall  
487 process, in the manner provided in section 9-150e, each group of  
488 absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.]

489 (l) The municipal clerk shall retain all outer envelopes containing  
490 absentee ballots received by him after the close of the polls, unopened,  
491 for the period prescribed in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

492 Sec. 18. Section 9-147a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
493 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):



494 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) [or (c)] of this section, at any  
495 election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots shall, within  
496 existing resources, be counted in the manner provided in section 9-  
497 150a at a central location designated by the registrars of voters in  
498 writing to the municipal clerk at least twenty days before the election,  
499 primary or referendum, which location shall be published in the  
500 warning for the election, primary or referendum. Except as provided  
501 in subsection (b) of this section, if unaffiliated electors are authorized  
502 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, all  
503 absentee ballots shall be separated, counted, tallied and placed in  
504 depository envelopes by voting district. Any member of the public  
505 may observe the counting of absentee ballots at such central location.

506 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may  
507 be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a in the respective  
508 polling places if the registrars of voters agree that such absentee ballots  
509 should be so counted. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under  
510 section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, absentee  
511 ballots may be counted in the respective polling places if the parties  
512 agree that such absentee ballots should be so counted. Any election  
513 official serving in a polling place may observe the counting of absentee  
514 ballots at such polling place.

515 [(c) (1) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
516 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
517 2021, absentee ballots may be processed before the day of such  
518 election, primary or referendum in the manner provided in section 9-  
519 150e. Any such processing shall take place at a central location  
520 designated by the registrars of voters in writing to the municipal clerk  
521 at least ten days before such election, primary or referendum, which  
522 location shall be published in the warning for such election, primary or  
523 referendum.

524 (2) If absentee ballots are to be processed pursuant to subdivision (1)  
525 of this subsection, the registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall  
526 jointly certify such fact in writing to the Secretary of the State at least

527 ten days before such election, primary or referendum. Such written  
528 certification shall (A) include the name, street address and relevant  
529 contact information associated with the designated central location,  
530 and (B) list the name and address of each absentee ballot counter  
531 appointed pursuant to section 9-147c. The Secretary shall approve or  
532 disapprove such written certification not later than two days after  
533 receipt of such certification and may require the appointment of one or  
534 more additional absentee ballot counters.

535 (3) In the case of absentee ballots delivered to the registrars on the  
536 day of such election, primary or referendum, nothing in this subsection  
537 shall preclude the counting of such absentee ballots in the respective  
538 polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.]

539 Sec. 19. Section 9-150b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
540 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

541 (a) The moderator shall record the result of each count of absentee  
542 ballots at any election, primary or referendum, separately by time of  
543 count, on (1) a separate moderator's return for each voting district, and  
544 (2) a separate record of the number of absentee votes cast for each  
545 candidate for each voting district.

546 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, when all  
547 counting is complete, the moderator shall publicly declare the result of  
548 such count. The moderator shall then deliver to the head moderator  
549 the central counting moderator's returns, together with all other  
550 information required by law or by the Secretary of the State's  
551 instructions. The head moderator shall add the results from the voting  
552 tabulators, recorded on the moderator's return for each polling place,  
553 to the absentee count recorded on the central counting moderator's  
554 return for the corresponding voting district, in the manner prescribed  
555 by the Secretary of the State. The returns so completed shall show  
556 separately the tabulator vote and the absentee vote and the totals  
557 thereof.

558 (c) If the absentee ballots were counted in the respective polling  
559 places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this  
560 act, when all counting is complete the moderator shall publicly declare  
561 the result of such count as provided in section 9-309, as amended by  
562 this act, and add such count to the results from the voting tabulators  
563 recorded on the moderator's return. Such return shall show separately  
564 the tabulator vote and the absentee vote and the totals thereof.

565 (d) The Secretary of the State may prescribe the forms and  
566 instructions for the tabulation, counting and return of the absentee  
567 ballot vote.

568 (e) The sealed depository envelopes required by subsections (f) and  
569 (m) of section 9-150a shall be returned by the moderator to the  
570 municipal clerk as soon as practicable on or before the day following  
571 the election, primary or referendum.

572 (f) The municipal clerk shall preserve for sixty days after the  
573 election, primary or referendum the depository envelopes containing  
574 opened envelopes and rejected ballots required by subsection (f) of  
575 section 9-150a, and shall so preserve for one hundred eighty days the  
576 depository envelopes containing counted ballots and related materials  
577 required by subsection (m) of section 9-150a.

578 (g) [(1)] No such depository envelope shall be opened except by  
579 order of a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections  
580 Enforcement Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under  
581 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five business  
582 days after an election, primary or referendum for the purpose of a  
583 recanvass conducted pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the  
584 depository envelopes and their contents shall be returned to the  
585 municipal clerk and preserved for the stated period.

586 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
587 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
588 referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,

589 2021, no such depository envelope shall be opened for the purpose of a  
590 recanvass conducted pursuant to law except within seven business  
591 days after such election, primary or referendum as provided in section  
592 9-311.]

593 (h) For sixty days after the election, primary or referendum the  
594 following shall be preserved by the municipal clerk as a public record  
595 open to public inspection: (1) All executed absentee ballot application  
596 forms and direction by registrar forms, as required by [subdivision]  
597 subsection (i) of section 9-140; (2) the list and index of applicants for  
598 presidential or overseas ballots as required by section 9-158h; (3) the  
599 numerical list of absentee voting sets issued as required by subsection  
600 (e) of section 9-140; (4) the list of the names of persons whose absentee  
601 ballots are received by the municipal clerk, as required by subsection  
602 (a) of section 9-140c, as amended by this act; (5) all unused absentee  
603 ballots; and (6) all envelopes containing ballots received by the  
604 municipal clerk after the close of the polls, which shall remain  
605 unopened.

606 (i) For one hundred eighty days after the election, primary or  
607 referendum the following shall be preserved by the municipal clerk as  
608 a public record open to public inspection: (1) The affidavit regarding  
609 the municipal clerk's endorsement of inner envelopes, as required by  
610 subsection (a) of section 9-140c, as amended by this act; and (2) the  
611 affidavit regarding delivery and receipt of ballots, as required by  
612 subsection (j) of said section.

613 (j) At the expiration of the applicable retention period, if no contest  
614 is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections  
615 Enforcement Commission pursuant to subsection (1) of section 9-7b,  
616 the municipal clerk shall destroy the materials preserved under this  
617 section.

618 Sec. 20. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
619 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

620 [(a)] Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the  
621 municipal clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person  
622 shall proceed before ten o'clock a.m. on election, primary or  
623 referendum day to the municipal clerk's office and request that such  
624 elector's ballot be withdrawn. The municipal clerk shall remove the  
625 ballot from the sealed package and shall mark the serially-numbered  
626 outer envelope, which shall remain unopened, "rejected" and note the  
627 reasons for rejection. The elector shall also endorse the envelope. The  
628 rejected ballot shall then be returned to the sealed package until  
629 delivered on election, primary or referendum day to the registrars of  
630 voters in accordance with section 9-140c, as amended by this act. The  
631 municipal clerk shall then give the elector a signed statement directed  
632 to the moderator of the voting district in which the elector resides  
633 stating that the elector has withdrawn such elector's absentee ballot  
634 and may vote in person. Upon delivery of the statement by the elector  
635 to the moderator, the moderator shall cause the absentee indication  
636 next to the name of the elector to be stricken from the official checklist  
637 and the elector may then have such elector's name checked and vote in  
638 person. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective  
639 polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended  
640 by this act, the municipal clerk shall also cause the absentee indication  
641 next to the name of the elector to be stricken from the duplicate  
642 checklist to be used by the absentee ballot counters.

643 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
644 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum  
645 held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, any  
646 elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal clerk and  
647 who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed before  
648 five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before such election, primary or  
649 referendum to the municipal clerk's office and request that such  
650 elector's ballot be withdrawn.]

651 Sec. 21. Subsection (l) of section 9-159q of the general statutes is  
652 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

653 *October 1, 2023*):

654 (l) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
655 Secretary of the State may suspend the supervision of absentee  
656 balloting under this section and section 9-159r, as amended by this act,  
657 provided the Secretary (1) suspends such supervision of absentee  
658 balloting in recognition of a declaration by the Governor of a civil  
659 preparedness emergency, pursuant to section 28-9, or a public health  
660 emergency, pursuant to section [19a-131] 19a-131a, and (2) submits a  
661 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
662 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
663 relating to elections advising of such suspension and specifying  
664 alternative actions to be taken to provide opportunities for absentee  
665 voting by electors described in this section and section 9-159r, as  
666 amended by this act.

667 Sec. 22. Section 9-159r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
668 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

669 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the  
670 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state  
671 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted  
672 under the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of  
673 the town in which the institution is located, in accordance with the  
674 provisions of this section. As used in this section, "institution" has the  
675 same meaning as provided in section 9-159q, as amended by this act.

676 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be  
677 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.  
678 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140, as amended by  
679 this act, shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee  
680 voting set for any such application to the clerk of the town in which  
681 the institution is located, who shall deliver all such voting sets he  
682 receives to the registrars of such town, on the date when the  
683 supervision of absentee balloting is to occur. The ballots and envelopes  
684 shall be prepared for delivery to the applicant as provided in sections

685 9-137 to 9-140a, inclusive. The registrars or their designees shall  
686 furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots. The registrars  
687 of the town in which an institution is located and the administrator of  
688 the institution shall mutually agree on a date and time for such  
689 supervision of absentee balloting, which shall be not later than the last  
690 business day before the election or primary.

691 (c) The supervision of absentee balloting under this section shall be  
692 carried out in accordance with the provisions of subsections (g), (h), (i)  
693 and (k) of section 9-159q, as amended by this act.

694 [(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c),  
695 inclusive, of this section, for the state election in 2020, and any election  
696 or primary held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
697 2021, the Secretary of the State may waive any requirement under said  
698 subsections, provided the Secretary (1) waives such requirement in  
699 recognition of the public health and civil preparedness emergency  
700 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, and has consulted with  
701 the Commissioner of Public Health or said commissioner's designee  
702 regarding such waiver, (2) has given written notice to the town clerk  
703 and registrars of voters in each municipality, and (3) has submitted a  
704 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
705 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
706 relating to elections advising of such waiver and specifying alternative  
707 actions to be taken to provide opportunities for absentee voting by  
708 electors described in this section.]

709 Sec. 23. Section 9-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
710 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

711 (a) [(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the]  
712 The town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the  
713 electors therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in  
714 November in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which  
715 warning shall be given by publication [(A)] (1) in a newspaper having  
716 a general circulation in such town, or towns in the case of a joint

717 publication under subsection (b) of this section, not more than fifteen  
718 nor less than five days previous to holding such election, and [(B)] (2)  
719 on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen nor less than  
720 five days previous to holding such election. The clerk in each town  
721 shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of [(i)] (A) the time  
722 and the location of each polling place in the town, [(ii)] (B) in towns  
723 divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each polling  
724 place in each district, and [(iii)] (C) the time and the location of each  
725 location designated for election day registration in the town, at which  
726 such election will be held. The town clerk shall record each such  
727 warning.

728 [(2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to  
729 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior  
730 to November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this section  
731 shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days previous to  
732 holding such election.]

733 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule  
734 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be  
735 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all  
736 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are  
737 met.

738 Sec. 24. Section 9-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
739 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

740 [(a)] The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects  
741 for which such election is to be held. [Except as provided in subsection  
742 (b) of this section, notice] Notice of a town election shall be given by  
743 the town clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a  
744 newspaper published in such town or having a general circulation  
745 therein, such publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five  
746 days previous to holding the election, and (2) on such town's Internet  
747 web site, such publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five  
748 days previous to holding the election. The town clerk in each town



749 shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of (A) the time and  
750 the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in towns divided into  
751 voting districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each  
752 district, and (C) the time and the location of each location designated  
753 for election day registration in the town. The town clerk shall record  
754 each such warning. [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
755 section, notice] Notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given  
756 by publishing a warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits  
757 of such city or borough or having a general circulation therein, not  
758 more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to holding the  
759 election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of such city or borough, or the  
760 town having such city or borough within such town's limits, not more  
761 than fifteen nor less than five days previous to holding the election,  
762 which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the location of  
763 each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and boroughs  
764 divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each polling  
765 place in each district, and (III) the time and the location of each  
766 location designated for election day registration in such city or  
767 borough.

768 [(b) For any municipal election held on or after June 23, 2021, but  
769 prior to November 3, 2021, the notice under subsection (a) of this  
770 section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days  
771 previous to holding such election.]

772 Sec. 25. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
773 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

774 [(a)] Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checker or  
775 checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make  
776 and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of  
777 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,  
778 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the  
779 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or  
780 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on  
781 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential

782 or overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be  
783 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant  
784 registrars, as the case may be, shall write and sign with ink, on the list  
785 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of  
786 names registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary  
787 and the number checked as having voted in that election or primary,  
788 and deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-  
789 eight hours after the close of the polls. If an electronic version of the  
790 registry list is used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored  
791 shall be returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the  
792 electronic registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by  
793 each registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal  
794 clerk not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. The  
795 municipal clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or  
796 printed electronic registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on  
797 it without alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter  
798 a certified copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the  
799 provisions of section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any  
800 voting checklist four years after the date upon which it was used. The  
801 moderator shall place the certificate which the moderator received  
802 from the official checker or checkers in the office of the municipal clerk  
803 not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls.

804 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
805 for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary held on or  
806 after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, any certificate or list  
807 required under said subsection to be deposited or placed in the office  
808 of the municipal clerk shall be so deposited or placed not later than  
809 ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election or primary.]

810 Sec. 26. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
811 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

812 [(a)] Upon the close of the polls, the moderator, in the presence of  
813 the other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator  
814 against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all candidates

815 and questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the  
816 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot, read and announce in  
817 distinct tones the result as shown, giving the number indicated and  
818 indicating the candidate to whom such total belongs, and shall read  
819 the votes recorded for each office on the ballot. The moderator shall  
820 also, in the same manner, announce the vote on each constitutional  
821 amendment, proposition or other question voted on. The vote so  
822 announced by the moderator shall be taken down by each checker and  
823 recorded on the tally sheets. Each checker shall record the number of  
824 votes received for each candidate on the ballot and also the number  
825 received by each person for whom write-in ballots were cast. The  
826 moderator shall make a preliminary list from the vote totals produced  
827 by the tabulators and shall prepare such preliminary list for  
828 transmission to the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-314, as  
829 amended by this act. After such preliminary list has been transmitted  
830 to the Secretary of the State, the canvass may be temporarily  
831 interrupted, during which time the moderator shall (1) return the keys  
832 for all tabulators to the registrars of voters, (2) seal the tabulators  
833 against voting or being tampered with, (3) prepare and seal individual  
834 envelopes for all (A) write-in ballots, (B) absentee ballots, (C)  
835 moderators' returns, and (D) other notes, worksheets or written  
836 materials used at the election, and (4) store all such tabulators and  
837 envelopes in a secure place or places directed by the registrars of  
838 voters. At the end of such temporary interruption, the moderator shall  
839 receive such keys from the registrars and shall take possession of and  
840 break the seal on all such tabulators and envelopes for the purpose of  
841 completing the canvass. The result totals shall remain in full public  
842 view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have been  
843 fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and registrars,  
844 or assistant registrars, as the case may be. Any other remaining result  
845 of the votes cast shall be publicly announced by the moderator not  
846 later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. Such public  
847 announcement shall consist of reading both the name of each  
848 candidate, with the designating number and letter on the ballot and  
849 the absentee vote as furnished to the moderator by the absentee ballot

850 counters, and also the vote cast for and against each question  
851 submitted. While such announcement is being made, ample  
852 opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare  
853 the results so announced with the result totals provided by the  
854 tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made  
855 by the moderator, checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after  
856 which the compartments of the voting tabulator shall be closed and  
857 locked. In canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the  
858 election officials shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the  
859 Secretary of the State.

860 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
861 for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after June 23,  
862 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, after the preliminary list has been  
863 transmitted to the Secretary of the State, any other remaining result of  
864 the votes cast required under said subsection to be publicly announced  
865 by the moderator shall be so announced not later than ninety-six hours  
866 after the close of the polls at such election.]

867 Sec. 27. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
868 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

869 (a) [(1)] If, within three days after an election, it appears to the  
870 moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting  
871 district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon,  
872 by written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials,  
873 consisting of at least two checkers of different political parties and at  
874 least two absentee ballot counters of different political parties who  
875 served at such election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality  
876 in which the election was held and such other officials as may be  
877 required to conduct such recanvass. Such written notice shall require  
878 the clerk or registrars of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them  
879 the depository envelopes required by section 9-150a, the package of  
880 write-in ballots provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot  
881 applications, the list of absentee ballot applications, the registry list  
882 and the moderators' returns and shall require such recanvass officials

883 to meet at a specified time not later than the fifth business day after  
884 such election to recanvass the returns of a voting tabulator or voting  
885 tabulators or absentee ballots or write-in ballots used in such district in  
886 such election. If any of such recanvass officials are unavailable at the  
887 time of the recanvass, the registrar of voters of the same political party  
888 as that of the recanvass official unable to attend shall designate another  
889 elector having previous training and experience in the conduct of  
890 elections to take his place. Before such recanvass is made, such  
891 moderator shall give notice, in writing, to the chairman of the town  
892 committee of each political party which nominated candidates for the  
893 election, and, in the case of a state election, not later than twenty-four  
894 hours after a determination is made regarding the need for a recanvass  
895 to the Secretary of the State, of the time and place where such  
896 recanvass is to be made; and each such chairman may send  
897 representatives to be present at such recanvass. Such representatives  
898 may observe, but no one other than a recanvass official may take part  
899 in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the recanvass procedure is noted  
900 by such a representative, he shall be permitted to present evidence of  
901 such irregularity in any contest relating to the election.

902 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
903 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or  
904 after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, (A) if, within five  
905 days after such election, it appears to the moderator that there is a  
906 discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such moderator shall  
907 forthwith within said period summon, by written notice delivered  
908 personally, the recanvass officials to conduct such recanvass in  
909 accordance with the provisions of said subdivision, and (B) such  
910 written notice shall require such recanvass officials to meet not later  
911 than the seventh business day after such election for such purpose.]

912 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the  
913 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the  
914 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-  
915 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such

916 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,  
917 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where  
918 such recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall  
919 be open to public observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the  
920 presence of such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of  
921 the number on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if  
922 one is provided, on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator.  
923 Such registrars of voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn  
924 over the keys of each such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and  
925 such recanvass officials, in the presence of such registrars of voters and  
926 moderator, shall immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast  
927 thereon, and shall then open the package of absentee ballots and  
928 recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the  
929 absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials shall check all outer  
930 envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner envelopes for such  
931 ballots and against the registry list to verify postmarks, addresses and  
932 registry list markings and also to determine whether the number of  
933 envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed is the same  
934 as the number of persons checked as having voted by absentee ballot.  
935 The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed at this time. All of the  
936 recanvass officials shall use the same forms for tallies and returns as  
937 were used at the original canvass and the absentee ballot counters shall  
938 also sign the tallies.

939 (c) [(1)] The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner  
940 prescribed in section 9-309, as amended by this act, on return forms  
941 provided by the registrars of voters and appended thereto shall be a  
942 statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the  
943 recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party affiliations of the  
944 recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly  
945 secured sealed package. Upon the completion of such recanvass, any  
946 tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys  
947 thereof shall immediately be returned to such registrars of voters and  
948 such tabulator shall remain so locked until the expiration of fourteen  
949 days after such election or for such longer period as is ordered by a

950 court of competent jurisdiction. The absentee ballots shall be replaced  
951 in their wrappers and be resealed by the moderator in the presence of  
952 the recanvass officials. Upon the completion of such recanvass, such  
953 moderator and at least two of the recanvass officials of different  
954 political parties shall forthwith prepare and sign such return forms  
955 which shall contain a written statement giving the result of such  
956 recanvass for each tabulator and each package of absentee ballots  
957 whose returns were so recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the  
958 original canvass was correctly made and stating whether or not the  
959 discrepancy still remains unaccounted for. Such return forms  
960 containing such statement shall forthwith be filed by the moderator in  
961 the office of such clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the original  
962 canvass of returns was not correctly made, such return forms  
963 containing such statement so filed with the clerk shall constitute a  
964 corrected return. In the case of a state election, a recanvass return shall  
965 be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and provided by the  
966 Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one copy with the  
967 Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk not later than  
968 ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be substituted  
969 for the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an  
970 original return.

971 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
972 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or  
973 after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, each copy of the  
974 recanvass return required under said subdivision to be filed by the  
975 moderator with the Secretary of the State and the town clerk shall be so  
976 filed not later than twelve days after such election.]

977 (d) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of  
978 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the  
979 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,  
980 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a  
981 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different  
982 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in

983 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the  
984 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality  
985 was moderator.

986 Sec. 28. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
987 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

988 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
989 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and  
990 the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
991 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of  
992 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant  
993 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney  
994 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state  
995 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters  
996 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,  
997 as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in the moderator's  
998 town and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the  
999 Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the  
1000 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the  
1001 moderator shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the  
1002 moderator's town for each of the following officers: Presidential  
1003 electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,  
1004 Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, United States senator,  
1005 representative in Congress, state senator, judge of probate, state  
1006 representative and registrars of voters when said officers are to be  
1007 chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total number of names on  
1008 the official check list of such town and the total number of names  
1009 checked as having voted. The moderator shall transmit such duplicate  
1010 list to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as prescribed by  
1011 the Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours after the close  
1012 of the polls on election day. The moderator shall also seal and deliver  
1013 one of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State not later than  
1014 the third day after the election. Any such moderator who fails to so  
1015 transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by



1016 the time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The  
1017 moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of  
1018 such town. The Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in tabular  
1019 form in books kept by the Secretary for that purpose and present a  
1020 printed report of the same, with the name of, and the total number of  
1021 votes received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to the General  
1022 Assembly at its next session.

1023 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
1024 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,  
1025 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
1026 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each  
1027 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely  
1028 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act,  
1029 in the moderator's town and shall immediately transmit such  
1030 preliminary list to the Secretary of the State not later than midnight on  
1031 election day. Once the preliminary list has been transmitted to the  
1032 Secretary of the State, the moderator shall make a duplicate list of the  
1033 votes given in the moderator's town for each municipal office elected  
1034 at such municipal election. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total  
1035 number of names on the official check list of such town and the total  
1036 number of names checked as having voted and shall be on a form  
1037 prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The moderator shall transmit  
1038 such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as  
1039 prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours  
1040 after the close of the polls on election day. The moderator shall also  
1041 seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State  
1042 not later than the third day after the election. Any such moderator who  
1043 fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the  
1044 State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The  
1045 moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of  
1046 such town.

1047 [(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
1048 section, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after

1049 June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, (1) the duplicate list  
1050 required under said subsections to be transmitted by electronic means  
1051 to the Secretary by such moderator shall be so transmitted not later  
1052 than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls on such election day,  
1053 and (2) the duplicate list required under said subsections to be sealed  
1054 and delivered to the Secretary shall be so delivered not later than the  
1055 fifth day after such election.]

1056 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is  
1057 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1058 *October 1, 2023*):

1059 (a) [(1)] Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular  
1060 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes  
1061 cast at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m.  
1062 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator,  
1063 registrars of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting  
1064 districts shall meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than  
1065 one o'clock p.m. on the third day following each regular election, the  
1066 head moderator shall correct any error identified and file an amended  
1067 return with the Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars  
1068 of voters.

1069 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
1070 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any regular election held  
1071 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, (A) the results  
1072 of the votes cast at such election required under said subdivision to be  
1073 provided to the town clerk by the registrars of voters shall be so  
1074 provided not later than ninety-six hours following such election, (B)  
1075 the meeting to identify any error in the returns required under said  
1076 subdivision among the head moderator, registrars of voters and town  
1077 clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall occur not later  
1078 than nine o'clock a.m. on the fifth day following such election, and (C)  
1079 any identified error required under said subdivision to be corrected,  
1080 and any amended return required under said subdivision to be filed  
1081 with the Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of

1082 voters, by the head moderator shall be so corrected or filed, as  
1083 applicable, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the fifth day following  
1084 such election.]

1085 Sec. 30. Subsection (a) of section 9-433 of the general statutes is  
1086 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
1087 *October 1, 2023*):

1088 (a) [(1)] After the deadline set forth in section 9-400 for filing  
1089 candidacies, and upon the completion of the tabulation of petition  
1090 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for nomination by a  
1091 political party to a state or district office have been filed in accordance  
1092 with the provisions of section 9-400, the Secretary of the State shall  
1093 notify the clerk of each town within the state or within the district, as  
1094 the case may be, that a primary is to be held by such party for the  
1095 nomination of such party to such office. Such notice shall include a list  
1096 of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed by the convention as  
1097 well as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the  
1098 titles of the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a  
1099 statement that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. [Except as  
1100 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the] The clerk of each  
1101 such town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith  
1102 in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town, or towns in  
1103 the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of this section,  
1104 together with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be  
1105 held, the hours during which the polls shall be open and the location  
1106 of the polls.

1107 [(2) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a state or  
1108 district office held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3,  
1109 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the town under subdivision  
1110 (1) of this subsection shall be so published not more than seven nor  
1111 less than four days previous to holding such election.]

1112 Sec. 31. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1113 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

1114 [(a)] Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any  
1115 municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for  
1116 nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election  
1117 as a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity  
1118 with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-  
1119 414, by or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed  
1120 candidates, the registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for  
1121 certification of party-endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such  
1122 municipality that a primary is to be held by such party for the  
1123 nomination of such party to such office or for the election by such  
1124 party of town committee members, as the case may be. Such notice  
1125 shall include a list of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed as  
1126 well as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the  
1127 titles of the offices or positions for which they are candidates. In the  
1128 case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice shall also contain  
1129 the complete ballot designation of each slate pursuant to subsection (h)  
1130 of section 9-437. [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,  
1131 the] The clerk of the municipality shall thereupon cause such notice to  
1132 be published forthwith in a newspaper having a general circulation in  
1133 such municipality, together with a statement of the date upon which  
1134 the primary is to be held, the hours during which the polls shall be  
1135 open and the location of the polls. The clerk of the municipality shall  
1136 also file such notice with the Secretary of the State not later than three  
1137 business days after receipt of such notice from the registrar of voters.  
1138 The clerk shall forthwith publish any change in the proposed  
1139 candidates, listing such changes.

1140 [(b) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a  
1141 municipal office, or for the election by a political party of town  
1142 committee members, held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to  
1143 November 3, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the  
1144 municipality under subsection (a) of this section shall be so published  
1145 not more than seven nor less than four days previous to holding such  
1146 election.]

1147        Sec. 32. Section 46a-131 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 1148        *from passage*)

1149        Sec. 33. Section 9-150e of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 1150        *October 1, 2023*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	2-111(b)(1)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	2-129
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4-67o
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4-67x(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4a-60j
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	5-263b(f)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-368c(a)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	17b-28(c)(9)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	21a-7(a)(1)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	21a-7(b)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	32-58b(b)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	4-5
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	10-29a(a)(103) to (105)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-139b
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-140(g)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-140b(b)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-140c
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-147a
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-150b
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-159o
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-159q(l)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-159r
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-225
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-226
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-307
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-309
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-311
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-314
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-322a(a)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-433(a)
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-435

Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 19(h)(1), "subdivision (i)" was changed to "[subdivision] subsection (i)" for accuracy.

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