

General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF STATE MARSHALS AND THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION AND THE STATE MARSHALS ADVISORY BOARD.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 6-30a of the general statutes is
 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025):

4 (a) [On and after December 1, 2000, each] Each state marshal shall 5 carry personal liability insurance for damages caused by reason of such 6 state marshal's tortious acts in not less than the following amounts: (1) 7 For damages caused to any one person or to the property of any one 8 person, [one hundred] two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (2) for 9 damages caused to more than one person or to the property of more 10 than one person, [three] five hundred thousand dollars. On and after 11 January 1, 2026, such personal liability insurance shall be a policy with 12 a renewal date and a term of coverage commencing on October first of 13 each year and extending through September thirtieth of the following 14 vear. For the purpose of this subsection, "tortious act" means negligent 15 acts, errors or omissions for which a state marshal may become legally 16 obligated to any damages for false arrest, erroneous service of civil 17 papers, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, 18 defamation of character, violation of property rights or assault and

battery if committed while making or attempting to make an arrest or
against a person under arrest, but does not include any such act unless
committed in the performance of the official duties of such state
marshal.

23 Sec. 2. Section 6-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the 24 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

25 A state marshal shall pay, [over,] to the person authorized to receive [it] such payment, any money collected by such state marshal on behalf 26 27 of or on account of such person not later than thirty calendar days from 28 the date of collection of the money. [or upon the collection of one 29 thousand dollars or more on behalf of or on account of such person, 30 whichever first occurs, except that the state] Notwithstanding the 31 provisions of this section, when any money collected by a state marshal on behalf of a person authorized to receive the payment is in the form 32 33 of a personal check, the state marshal shall expeditiously deposit such 34 check into the marshal's noninterest-bearing trustee account and 35 payment to the person authorized to receive such check shall be not later 36 than forty-five days after the date on which the personal check was 37 collected. In addition, a state marshal and such person may agree to a 38 different time [for paying over] frame for the payment of such money 39 from the time frames prescribed in this section. A state marshal who 40 fails to comply with the requirements of this section or any such 41 agreement, as applicable, shall be liable to such person for the payment 42 of interest on the money at the rate of five per cent per month from the 43 date on which such state marshal received the money.

44 Sec. 3. Section 6-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the 45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

The number of state marshals to be appointed for Hartford County shall not exceed [seventy-two] <u>sixty-two</u>; for New Haven County, [sixtytwo] <u>fifty-five</u>; for New London County, [thirty-eight] <u>twenty</u>; for Fairfield County, fifty-five; for Windham County, [eighteen] <u>seven</u>; for Litchfield County, [thirty] <u>thirteen</u>; for Middlesex County, [twenty-one] 51 <u>thirteen;</u> for Tolland County, [twenty-two] <u>ten</u>.

52 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 6-38a of the general statutes is 53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 54 *1*, 2025):

55 (a) For the purposes of the general statutes, "state marshal" means a 56 qualified deputy sheriff incumbent on June 30, 2000, under section 6-38, 57 as amended by this act, or appointed pursuant to section 6-38b, as 58 amended by this act, who [shall have] has authority and whose duty is 59 to provide legal execution and service of process in the counties in this 60 state pursuant to section 6-38, as amended by this act, as an 61 [independent contractor] appointed official who is exclusively 62 compensated on a fee for service basis, which is determined, subject to 63 any minimum rate promulgated by the state, by agreement with an 64 attorney, court or public agency requiring execution or service of 65 process.

66 Sec. 5. Section 6-38b of the general statutes is repealed and the 67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

68 (a) There is established a State Marshal Commission which shall 69 consist of eight members appointed as follows: (1) The Chief Justice 70 shall appoint one member who shall be a judge of the Superior Court; 71 (2) the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro 72 tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders of the House 73 of Representatives and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate 74 shall each appoint one member; and (3) the Governor shall appoint one 75 member who shall serve as chairperson. Of the seven members 76 appointed pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, no 77 more than four of such members may be members of any state bar. No 78 member of the commission shall be a state marshal, except that two state 79 marshals appointed by the State Marshals Advisory Board in 80 accordance with section 6-38c, as amended by this act, shall serve as ex-81 officio, nonvoting members of the commission.

82 (b) The chairperson shall serve for a three-year term and all

appointments of members to replace those whose terms expire shall befor terms of three years.

(c) If any vacancy occurs on the commission, the appointing authority
having the power to make the initial appointment under the provisions
of this section shall appoint a person for the unexpired term in
accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) Members shall serve without compensation but shall bereimbursed for actual expenses incurred while engaged in the duties ofthe commission.

92 (e) The commission, in consultation with the State Marshals Advisory 93 Board, shall (1) adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of 94 chapter 54 to establish professional standards, including training 95 requirements, [and] residency requirements, minimum fees for 96 execution and service of process, and for state marshals over the age of 97 seventy-two, fitness for duty and annual certification requirements, and 98 (2) implement policies and procedures to increase state marshal 99 participation in the serving of capias mittimus orders. Such policies and 100 procedures may require that at all times a certain minimum percentage 101 of the overall number of state marshals be actively engaged in the 102 service of capias mittimus orders. The costs of any fitness for duty 103 certification adopted by the commission pursuant to this section shall 104 be at the expense of the state marshal.

(f) The commission shall be responsible for the equitable assignment of service of restraining orders to the state marshals in each county and ensure that such restraining orders are served expeditiously. Failure of any state marshal to accept for service any restraining order assigned by the commission or to serve such restraining order expeditiously without good cause shall be sufficient for the convening of a hearing for removal under subsection (i) of this section.

(g) Any vacancy in the position of state marshal in any county as
provided in section 6-38, as amended by this act, shall be filled by the
commission with an applicant (1) who shall be an elector in the county

where such vacancy occurs, and (2) whose permanent place of abode,
domicile and residence is in the county where such vacancy occurs. Any
applicant for such vacancy shall be subject to the application,
<u>examination</u>, bonding and investigation requirements of the
commission.

(h) Except as provided in section 6-38f, no person may be a state
marshal and a state employee at the same time. This subsection does not
apply to any person who was both a state employee and a deputy sheriff
or special deputy sheriff on April 27, 2000.

(i) No state marshal may be removed except by order of thecommission for cause after due notice and hearing.

126 (j) The commission, in consultation with the Judicial Department, 127 shall adopt rules as it deems necessary for conduct of its internal affairs, 128 including, but not limited to, rules that provide for: (1) The provision of 129 timely, consistent and reliable access to a state marshal for persons 130 applying for a restraining order or civil protection order under [section 131 46b-15] chapter 815a; (2) the provision of services to persons with 132 limited English proficiency; (3) the provision of services to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; [and] (4) service of process that is a 133 134 photographic copy, micrographic copy or other electronic image of an 135 original document that clearly and accurately copies such original 136 document; and (5) timely payment, as described in section 4a-71, from 137 the Judicial Department to state marshals.

138 (<u>k</u>) The commission shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the 139 provisions of chapter 54, for the application<u>, examination</u>, bonding and 140 investigation requirements for filling vacancies in the position of state 141 marshal.

(1) The commission shall issue not less than quarterly administrative
 bulletins to state marshals relating to topics concerning service of
 process and legal execution. The subject matter of topics contained in
 such bulletins shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Changes to state
 law affecting the duties of state marshals; (2) topics that refresh state

marshals' knowledge in subject matter areas affecting their duties; (3)
topics concerning the safety of state marshals; (4) topics concerning the
professionalism of state marshals when interacting with the public; and
(5) topics relating to the nature of complaints filed against state marshals
with the State Marshal Commission.

[(k)] (m) The commission shall be within the Department of
Administrative Services, provided the commission shall have
independent decision-making authority.

Sec. 6. Section 6-38c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

157 (a) There is established a State Marshals Advisory Board which shall 158 consist of twenty-four state marshals [. Between November 9, 2000, and 159 November 14, 2000, and annually thereafter] to advise and make 160 recommendations to the State Marshal Commission and to consider 161 matters referred to it from the commission. Annually, between 162 November first and November twentieth of each year, the state 163 marshals in each county shall elect from among the state marshals in 164 their county the following number of state marshals to serve on the 165 board: Hartford, New Haven and Fairfield counties, four state marshals; New London and Litchfield counties, three state marshals; and Tolland, 166 167 Middlesex and Windham counties, two state marshals. State marshals 168 elected to serve on the board shall serve for a term of one year and may be reelected. 169

170 [(b) On or after April 27, 2000, the Chief Court Administrator shall 171 designate a date and time for the state marshals in each county to come 172 together for the purpose of electing state marshals from each county to 173 serve on the State Marshals Advisory Board pursuant to subsection (a) 174 of this section. A majority of the filled state marshal positions in each 175 county shall constitute a quorum for that county. The election of state 176 marshals to serve on the board shall be by majority vote. The names of 177 the state marshals elected in each county shall be forwarded to the Chief 178 Court Administrator. The Chief Court Administrator, upon receipt of 179 the election results from all counties, shall designate a date and time for

- 180 the first meeting of the board to take place as soon as practicable after
- 181 November 14, 2000.]

(b) The State Marshals Advisory Board shall adopt rules as the board
deems necessary for the conduct of its elections and internal affairs,
which rules shall continue in effect from year to year, as amended from
time to time. Such rules shall include procedures for selection of a
chairperson and other officers, as may be necessary, from the members
of the board elected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

- 188 (c) Annually, in the month of December, the State Marshals Advisory
- 189 Board shall hold a meeting and select two state marshals to be appointed

190 as ex-officio members of the State Marshal Commission, in accordance

191 with the provisions of section 6-38b, as amended by this act, for a term

192 of one year. If any vacancy occurs in such appointments, the State

193 <u>Marshals Advisory Board shall appoint a state marshal to fill the</u>

194 <u>remainder of the unexpired term.</u>

195 Sec. 7. Section 6-38d of the general statutes is repealed and the 196 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

197 No state marshal shall (1) knowingly bill for, or receive fees for, work 198 that such state marshal did not actually perform, (2) allow another 199 person to serve process in the place of such state marshal, or (3) 200 knowingly make a false or illegal return of process. Any violation of this 201 section without good cause shall be sufficient for the convening of a 202 commission hearing concerning removal of the state marshal under 203 subsection (i) of section 6-38b, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 8. Section 6-38e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2025):
- 206 (a) The State Marshal Commission shall periodically review and 207 audit the records and accounts of the state marshals. [Upon]
- 208 (b) The commission shall prioritize an audit when the commission

209 <u>finds there is probable cause relating to a written complaint against a</u>
 210 <u>state marshal concerning the collection of money under an execution or</u>
 211 <u>warrant.</u>

(c) Not later than thirty days after the date of the death or disability
of a state marshal, the commission shall appoint a qualified individual
to oversee and audit the records and accounts of such state marshal and
render an accounting to the commission.

216 (d) Upon the death or disability of a state marshal, the commission may direct any financial institution, as defined in section 52-367a, with 217 218 access to, or custody of, financial accounts of a state marshal utilized for 219 the collection of moneys under chapters 204 and 906, to turn over such 220 financial accounts to a successor state marshal appointed by the 221 commission. A letter signed by the commission chairperson or designee 222 shall constitute an order of the commission pursuant to this subsection. 223 If any person or financial institution refuses to comply with such order, 224 the commission shall certify the facts relating to the noncompliance to 225 the office of the Attorney General, who shall apply to the Superior Court 226 for an order compelling compliance.

(e) All information obtained by the commission from any audit
 conducted pursuant to this section shall be confidential and shall not be
 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined
 in section 1-200.

Sec. 9. Section 6-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

233 Each state marshal, before entering upon the duties of a state marshal, 234 shall give to the State Marshal Commission a bond in the sum of [ten] 235 one hundred thousand dollars conditioned that such state marshal will 236 faithfully discharge the duties of state marshal and answer all damages 237 which any person sustains by reason of such state marshal's 238 unfaithfulness or neglect. The premium for said bonds shall be paid by 239 the state. No state marshal shall collect tax warrants for the state or any 240 municipality until such state marshal executes a bond in the sum of one 241 hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 10. Subsection (f) of section 14-10 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(f) The commissioner may disclose personal information from amotor vehicle record to:

(1) Any federal, state or local government agency in carrying out its
functions or to any individual or entity acting on behalf of any such
agency, or

(2) Any individual, organization or entity that signs and files with the
commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided in section
53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the commissioner,
together with such supporting documentation or information as the
commissioner may require, that such information will be used for any
of the following purposes:

256 (A) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and 257 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations, recalls 258 or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by 259 motor vehicle manufacturers, motor vehicle market research activities 260 including survey research, motor vehicle product and service 261 communications and removal of nonowner records from the original 262 owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers to implement the 263 provisions of the federal Automobile Information Disclosure Act, 15 264 USC 1231 et seq., the Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq., and 49 USC 265 Chapters 301, 305 and 321 to 331, inclusive, as amended from time to 266 time, and any provision of the general statutes enacted to attain 267 compliance with said federal provisions;

(B) In the normal course of business by the requesting party, but only
to confirm the accuracy of personal information submitted by the
individual to the requesting party;

(C) In connection with any civil, criminal, administrative or arbitral proceeding in any court or government agency or before any selfregulatory body, including the service of process, an investigation in anticipation of litigation by an attorney-at-law or any individual acting on behalf of an attorney-at-law and the execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court provided the requesting party is a party in interest to such proceeding;

278 (D) In connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and 279 theft, motor vehicle emissions, motor vehicle product alterations, recalls 280 or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles and motor 281 vehicle parts and dealers, producing statistical reports and removal of 282 nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle 283 manufacturers, provided the personal information is not published, 284 disclosed or used to contact individuals except as permitted under 285 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;

(E) By any insurer or insurance support organization or by a selfinsured entity or its agents, employees or contractors, in connection with the investigation of claims arising under insurance policies, antifraud activities, rating or underwriting;

(F) In providing any notice required by law to owners or lienholders
named in the certificate of title of towed, abandoned or impounded
motor vehicles;

293 (G) By an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify 294 information relating to a holder of a passenger endorsement or 295 commercial driver's license required under 49 USC Chapter 313, and 296 sections 14-44 to 14-44m, inclusive;

(H) In connection with any lawful purpose of a labor organization, as
defined in section 31-77, provided (i) such organization has entered into
a contract with the commissioner, on such terms and conditions as the
commissioner may require, and (ii) the information will be used only for
the purposes specified in the contract other than campaign or political
purposes;

303 (I) For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing or solicitations
304 provided the commissioner has obtained the express consent of the
305 individual to whom such personal information pertains;

(J) For the purpose of preventing fraud by verifying the accuracy of
personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, including an
individual's photograph or computerized image, as submitted by an
individual to a legitimate business or an agent, employee or contractor
of a legitimate business, provided the individual has provided express
consent in accordance with subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this
section;

313 (K) Inclusion of personal information about persons who have
314 indicated consent to become organ and tissue donors in a donor registry
315 established by a procurement organization, as defined in section 19a316 289a;

317 (L) By any private detective or private detective licensed in
318 accordance with the provisions of chapter 534, in connection with an
319 investigation involving matters concerning motor vehicles;

320 (M) By a state marshal, for use in the performance of duties under the 321 provisions of section 6-38a, as amended by this act. Such information 322 including, but not limited to, (i) operator photos, and (ii) records produced by providing an operator's license number, number plate or 323 324 vehicle identification number, may be requested [by facsimile 325 transmission, or by such other means as the commissioner may require, 326 and shall be provided by facsimile transmission] and provided to a state 327 marshal electronically, or by such other means, within a reasonable 328 time. Such records may be transmitted to a state marshal by means of 329 an existing electronic system used by the Department of Motor Vehicles 330 for the transmission of records. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles 331 may charge a state marshal a reasonable annual fee for access to such 332 records and the use of such electronic system.

333 Sec. 11. Section 34-243r of the general statutes is repealed and the 334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*): 335 (a) A limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability 336 company may be served with any process, notice or demand required 337 or permitted by law by any proper officer or other person lawfully empowered to make service leaving a true and attested copy with (1) 338 339 such company's registered agent, or in the case of an agent who is a 340 <u>natural person</u>, at his or her usual place of abode in this state, or (2) a 341 manager or member of such company, or at his or her usual place of 342 abode in this state.

343 (b) When the Secretary of the State and the Secretary of the State's 344 successors in office have been appointed a foreign limited liability company's agent for service of process, the foreign limited liability 345 346 company may be served by any proper officer or other person lawfully 347 empowered to make service leaving two true and attested copies of such 348 process together with the required fee at the office of the Secretary of the 349 State or depositing the same in the United States mail, by registered or 350 certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said office. The Secretary of the State shall file one copy of such process and keep a record of the 351 352 date and hour of such receipt, and, within two business days after such 353 service, forward by registered or certified mail the other copy of such 354 process to the foreign limited liability company at the address of the 355 office designated in the application for registration filed pursuant to 356 subdivision (4) of section 34-275b. Service so made shall be effective as 357 of the date and hour received by the Secretary of the State as shown on 358 the Secretary of the State's records.

359 (c) If a limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability 360 company ceases to have a registered agent, or if its registered agent 361 cannot with reasonable diligence be served by any proper officer or 362 other person lawfully empowered to make service, the company or 363 foreign company may be served by registered or certified mail, return 364 receipt requested, or by similar commercial delivery service, addressed 365 to the company or foreign company at its principal office or its mailing 366 <u>address</u>. The address of the principal office <u>or its mailing address</u> shall be as shown on the company's or foreign company's most recent annual 367 368 report filed by the Secretary of the State. Service is effected under this

369 subsection on the earliest of: (1) The date the company or foreign 370 company receives the mail or delivery by the commercial delivery 371 service; (2) the date shown on the return receipt, if signed by the 372 company or foreign company; or (3) five days after its deposit with the 373 United States Postal Service, or with the commercial delivery service, if 374 correctly addressed and with sufficient postage or payment.

(d) If process, notice or demand cannot be served on a limited liability
company or registered foreign limited liability company pursuant to
subsection (a) or (b) of this section, service may be made by any proper
officer or other person lawfully empowered to make service handing a
copy to (1) the manager of such company, or (2) the individual in charge
of any regular place of business or activity of the company or foreign
company if the individual served is not a plaintiff in the action.

(e) Service of process, notice or demand on a registered agent shall bein a written record.

(f) Service of process, notice or demand may be made by other means
under law other than the provisions of sections 34-243 to 34-283d,
inclusive.

387 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) A writ of summons in a civil 388 action naming a correctional officer or an employee of the Department 389 of Correction, except where it may be served under the provisions of 390 section 52-64 of the general statutes, may be served upon a person 391 designated by the Commissioner of Correction at the correctional 392 facility where the correctional officer or employee is assigned who shall 393 act as the agent of the correctional officer or employee named in the writ. 394 Service upon such agent shall be deemed to be service upon the 395 correctional officer or employee. The provisions of this section shall not 396 be construed as the exclusive or required means of serving a correctional 397 officer or employee of the Department of Correction when service 398 cannot be made under section 52-64 of the general statutes.

399 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Amended process" means, at the direction of the issuing
authority, changes made by a state marshal to a process to modify,
adjust or correct minor, technical, clerical, typographical or scrivener's
errors or conforming changes made during service of process, including
adjustments made to the name, alias, agent or addresses of the parties,
the court or the return date of the process.

(2) "Attorney-at-law" means an attorney admitted to practice law in
this state, another state, district, territory or insular possession of the
United States, foreign country or admitted to practice law in a United
States federal or tribal court. "Attorney-at-law" includes an individual
duly authorized by the attorney-at-law to transmit documents to a state
marshal in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(3) "Business day" has the same meaning as provided in section 36a-330 of the general statutes.

(4) "Portable document format" means an electronic file format that
facilitates document exchange, is designed to be independent of the
software, hardware and operating systems used to create the document,
and that preserves the fonts, formatting, pagination and graphics of the
source document, allowing the document to be viewed as it was
intended to appear, regardless of the device or platform.

(5) "Public agency" includes (A) a public agency as defined in section
1-200 of the general statutes, (B) a quasi-public agency as defined in
section 1-120 of the general statutes, and (C) an executive, legislative or
judicial agency, department, board, commission, authority, institution
or instrumentality of another state or of a county, municipality or other
political subdivision of another state.

(6) "Special occasion" means a time when a party authorized to
electronically transmit process to a state marshal determines it to be
necessary, convenient or desirable to utilize the provisions of this
section, subject where applicable to a fee as prescribed by this section,
instead of tendering a state marshal an original process printed on
paper, along with sufficient copies for service of process.

(b) On any special occasion, an attorney-at-law or public agency may
direct process, including, but not limited to, any writ, summons,
complaint, subpoena, attachment, execution, application, order, notice,
motion or petition, to a state marshal in an electronic format, which
clearly and accurately provides an image of the original process,
including the signature of the authority issuing such process, provided:

(1) Such attorney-at-law or public agency obtains the permission ofthe state marshal prior to the electronic transmission of such process forservice.

441 (2) The attorney-at-law or public agency transmits each process to the 442 state marshal in one electronic file per process, in a letter-sized 443 document, in a portable document format, that contains all pages of the 444 document to be served, collated in the proper order for which the 445 attorney-at-law or public agency is directing the state marshal to serve, 446 so that the state marshal may print one electronic file per process, 447 without the need to collate, assemble or print multiple electronic 448 documents in a particular matter before making service.

449 (3) The attorney-at-law or public agency additionally electronically 450 transmits to the state marshal, a letter, electronic mail or written 451 instruction for service for each process to be served that succinctly 452 provides the necessary information required for the state marshal to 453 make legal service. In matters involving service under chapter 815a of 454 the general statutes, or any other process where personal service is 455 requested, information concerning the profile of the person to be served, 456 when known and available, shall be electronically transmitted to the 457 state marshal. Information electronically transmitted to the state 458 marshal shall include, but is not limited to: (A) Any location where the 459 person is known to spend time, (B) the telephone numbers of the person, 460 (C) the employer, work location and working hours of the person, (D) a 461 photo or physical description of the person, (E) the age or date of birth 462 of the person, (F) the vehicles of the person, including make, model and 463 plate numbers, and (G) safety concerns to be aware of when making 464 service on the person. Such information may be provided by utilizing

the respondent profile form accessible electronically on the Internet website of the Judicial Branch.

467 (4) The attorney-at-law or public agency does not electronically468 transmit the same process to more than one state marshal for service.

469 (5) The attorney-at-law or public agency retains the original process 470 which has been electronically transmitted to the state marshal, and 471 when filed with the court, agency, board or tribunal, as the case may be, 472 where the process is to be returned, the attorney-at-law or public agency 473 causes the same document that was electronically transmitted to the 474 state marshal for service, to be filed, without any alteration or 475 amendment, except that in matters where amendments are made to the 476 process by a state marshal at the time of service, the attorney-at-law or 477 public agency shall file the amended process.

(c) For purposes of a state marshal serving a true and attested copy
of any process under any provision of the general statutes, process that
is electronically transmitted to a state marshal for service by an attorneyat-law or public agency under the provisions of this section shall be
deemed to be an original document in the hands of a state marshal for
service.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by law, no state marshal shall be
required to accept process in an electronic format. A state marshal may
voluntarily elect to receive the electronic transmission of process under
the provisions of this section at the request of an attorney-at-law or
public agency, subject to the provisions and fees prescribed in this
section.

(e) If a state marshal elects to receive the electronic transmission of
process, the state marshal shall maintain and monitor an electronic mail
address used for the purposes of this section.

(f) An attorney-at-law or public agency shall not transmit process to
a state marshal in an electronic format, where the number of pages to be
printed in any one matter for all parties to be served exceeds fifty pages

in total, or the number of processes for separate matters to be
transmitted, within a time period of one week, exceeds five processes,
except that a state marshal and an attorney-at-law or public agency may
agree to a different number of processes or pages to be accepted by
electronic transmission.

501 (g) (1) The provisions of this section shall not apply for the purposes 502 of personal delivery to a state marshal, pursuant to section 52-593a of 503 the general statutes, as amended by this act, before the passage of the 504 time limited by law within which an action may be brought. (2) No 505 process relating to a matter in which a statute of limitations is tolling 506 within sixty days shall be electronically transmitted to a state marshal; 507 such process shall only be delivered to a state marshal for service as 508 original process, printed on paper and personally signed in ink by the 509 issuing authority, along with sufficient copies for the state marshal to 510 effectuate service.

511 (h) Receipt of electronic process under this section shall occur by 512 reply of the state marshal to the attorney-at-law or public agency 513 transmitting such process. A state marshal electing to receive process in 514 an electronic format from an attorney-at-law or public agency under the 515 provisions of this section may, within two business days after receiving 516 such process, reject any such process for service, if (1) the requirements 517 of subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of this section have not been 518 met, (2) the process is not signed, or is out of order, (3) the process is not 519 received in a clear and legible format, or cannot be accessed 520 electronically, (4) the lawful deadline for service of the process cannot 521 reasonably be met, or (5) the number of pages or processes to be printed 522 exceeds the limitations prescribed in subsection (f) of this section. A 523 state marshal shall provide notification of the rejection of electronic 524 process for service to the attorney-at-law or public agency by electronic 525 mail.

(i) (1) A state marshal shall receive for each process, in any one matter
that is electronically transmitted for service under this section, a fee of
fifty dollars, irrespective of the number of persons to be served, as a fee

529 for the receiving and handling electronic process for service. A state 530 marshal shall also receive a fee of one dollar for each page printed under 531 the provisions of this section. Fees assessed pursuant to this section shall 532 not be a taxable cost of the action. Such fees for electronic receipt and 533 handling and printing of process shall be listed on the state marshal's 534 return of service under a separate total segregated from other fees.

535 (2) A state marshal receiving and printing an electronic process shall 536 charge the fees prescribed by this section and shall not adjust or waive 537 such fees, nor shall such fees be subject to a minimum rate promulgated 538 by the state pursuant to section 6-38a of the general statutes, as amended 539 by this act. Fees under this section shall not apply or be charged in the 540 case of the transmittal and printing of executions issued under chapter 541 832 or 906 of the general statutes, warrants issued under chapter 204 of 542 the general statutes, ejectments under section 49-22 of the general 543 statutes, as amended by this act, service of process under a waiver of 544 fees issued pursuant to section 52-259b of the general statutes, capias 545 mittimus orders issued under any provisions of the general statutes or 546 orders of protection and relief under chapter 815a of the general statutes. 547 Fees under this section shall not be considered a fee for copies of writs 548 and complaints pursuant to chapter 901 of the general statutes and shall 549 be in addition to any fee under said chapter payable to the officer 550 serving process.

551 (j) A state marshal when printing documents for service, as provided 552 by this section, shall print such documents on letter-sized paper. When 553 making service of electronically transmitted documents printed for 554 service under this section, the state marshal shall not be required to send 555 printed documents or a printed return of service back to the attorney-556 at-law or public agency which electronically transmitted such process, 557 but the state marshal shall electronically transmit the marshal's return 558 of service to such attorney-at-law or public agency. In the event that the 559 process was amended by a state marshal at the time of service, such 560 amended process shall also be returned.

561 (k) No state marshal shall, in the performance of receiving

562 electronically transmitted process, be liable for damage, errors or 563 omissions related to the electronic transmission, receipt, printing or 564 filing of electronically transmitted process, including, but not limited to: (1) Missing pages in the transmission, (2) the failure to receive the 565 566 electronic transmission due to electronic or technical malfunctions, or 567 such other similar errors, or (3) erroneous service of process on account 568 of the failure of an attorney-at-law or public agency to comply with the 569 provisions of this section in the transmission and filing of such process.

570 Sec. 14. Subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 46b-15 of the 571 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu 572 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

573 (h) (1) The applicant shall cause notice of the hearing pursuant to 574 subsection (b) of this section and a copy of the application and the 575 applicant's affidavit and of any ex parte order issued pursuant to 576 subsection (b) of this section to be served on the respondent not less than 577 three days before the hearing. A proper officer responsible for executing 578 such service shall accept all documents in an electronic format, if 579 presented to such officer in such format. The applicant may transmit 580 such documents in an electronic format and the applicant and 581 documents shall be subject to the same provisions that are applicable to 582 an attorney-at-law or public agency document transmission process as 583 prescribed in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (b), and 584 subsections (c), (h) and (k) of section 13 of this act. The applicant shall 585 also include the respondent profile form accessible electronically on the 586 Internet web site of the Judicial Branch. The cost of such service, 587 including mileage pursuant to section 52-261, as amended by this act, 588 shall be paid for by the Judicial Branch. No fee of any kind may be 589 charged directly to an applicant by an officer serving process. No officer 590 or person shall be entitled to a fee for service pursuant to this section if 591 timely return of service is not received by the court, absent a court order 592 authorizing such fee. For the purposes of this subsection, timely return 593 includes, but is not limited to, transmitting by facsimile or other means, 594 a copy of the return of service to the court prior to the hearing followed 595 by the delivery of the original return to the court within a reasonable

596 time after the hearing.

597 Sec. 15. Section 52-593a of the general statutes is repealed and the 598 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

599 (a) Except in the case of an appeal from an administrative agency 600 governed by section 4-183, as amended by this act, a cause or right of 601 action shall not be lost because of the passage of the time limited by law 602 within which the action may be brought, if the process to be served is 603 personally delivered to a state marshal, constable or other proper officer 604 within such time and the process is served, as provided by law, within 605 thirty days of the delivery. As used in this subsection, "process to be 606 served" means the original process printed on paper and personally 607 signed in ink by the issuing authority, along with sufficient copies for 608 service.

(b) In any such case, the officer making service shall endorse underoath on such officer's return the date of delivery of the process to suchofficer for service in accordance with this section.

Sec. 16. Subsection (c) of section 4-183 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

615 (c) (1) Within forty-five days after mailing of the final decision under section 4-180 or, if there is no mailing, within forty-five days after 616 617 personal delivery of the final decision under said section, or (2) within 618 forty-five days after the agency denies a petition for reconsideration of 619 the final decision pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 620 4-181a, or (3) within forty-five days after mailing of the final decision 621 made after reconsideration pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of 622 subsection (a) of section 4-181a or, if there is no mailing, within forty-623 five days after personal delivery of the final decision made after 624 reconsideration pursuant to said subdivisions, or (4) within forty-five 625 days after the expiration of the ninety-day period required under 626 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 4-181a if the agency decides 627 to reconsider the final decision and fails to render a decision made after

628 reconsideration within such period, whichever is applicable and is later, 629 a person appealing as provided in this section shall serve a copy of the 630 appeal on the agency that rendered the final decision at its office or at 631 the office of the Attorney General in Hartford and file the appeal with 632 the clerk of the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain or 633 for the judicial district wherein the person appealing resides or, if that 634 person is not a resident of this state, with the clerk of the court for the 635 judicial district of New Britain. Within that time, the person appealing 636 shall also serve a copy of the appeal on each party listed in the final 637 decision at the address shown in the decision, provided failure to make 638 such service within forty-five days on parties other than the agency that 639 rendered the final decision shall not deprive the court of jurisdiction 640 over the appeal. Service of the appeal shall be made by [United States mail, certified or registered, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, 641 642 without the use of] a state marshal [or other officer, or by personal 643 service by a proper officer or indifferent person] making service in the 644 same manner as complaints are served in ordinary civil actions. [If 645 service of the appeal is made by mail, service shall be effective upon 646 deposit of the appeal in the mail.]

647 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 52-57 of the general statutes is
648 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*649 1, 2025):

650 (b) Process in civil actions against the following-described classes of 651 defendants shall be served as follows: (1) Against a town, upon its clerk, 652 assistant clerk, deputy clerk, manager or one of its selectmen; (2) against 653 a city, upon its clerk, [or] assistant clerk or deputy clerk or upon its 654 mayor or manager; (3) against a borough, upon its manager, clerk, [or] 655 assistant clerk or deputy clerk or upon the warden or one of its 656 burgesses; (4) against a school district, upon its clerk, assistant clerk, 657 deputy clerk, superintendent, assistant superintendent or deputy 658 superintendent or one of its committee; (5) against a board, commission, 659 department or agency of a town, city or borough, notwithstanding any provision of law, upon the clerk, assistant clerk, deputy clerk of the 660 661 town, city or borough, provided two copies of such process shall be

served upon the clerk and the clerk shall retain one copy and forward 662 663 the second copy to the board, commission, department or agency; (6) 664 against any other municipal or quasi-municipal corporation, upon its 665 clerk, assistant clerk, deputy clerk or upon its chief presiding officer or 666 managing agent; and (7) against an employee of a town, city or borough 667 in a cause of action arising from the employee's duties or employment, 668 upon the clerk, assistant clerk, deputy clerk of the town, city or borough, 669 provided two copies of such process shall be served upon the clerk and 670 the clerk shall retain one copy and forward the second copy to the 671 employee.

672 Sec. 18. Subsection (c) of section 47a-23 of the general statutes is
673 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*674 1, 2025):

675 (c) [A] (1) An attested copy of such notice shall be [delivered] served 676 by a proper officer to each lessee or occupant or left at such lessee's or 677 occupant's place of residence or, (2) if the rental agreement or lease concerns commercial property, (A) left for each lessee or occupant at the 678 679 place of the commercial establishment, [by a proper officer or indifferent 680 person] or (B) by making service on the parties in the same manner as 681 complaints are served in ordinary civil actions using the rules of civil 682 process under any provision of the general statutes. Delivery of such 683 notice may be made on any day of the week.

Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 47a-42 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

(b) Before any such removal, the state marshal charged with executing upon any such judgment of eviction shall give the chief executive officer of the town [twenty-four hours] notice of the eviction, stating the date, time and location of such eviction as well as a general description, if known, of the types and amount of property to be removed from the premises and delivered to the designated place of storage. [Before] <u>After</u> giving such notice to the chief executive officer of

694 the town, the state marshal shall use reasonable efforts to locate and 695 notify the defendant [of] not less than twenty-four hours before the date 696 and time such eviction is to take place and of the possibility of a sale 697 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Such notice shall include 698 service upon each defendant and upon any other person in occupancy, 699 either personally or at the premises, of a true copy of the summary 700 process execution. Such execution shall be on a form prescribed by the 701 Judicial Department, shall be in clear and simple language and in 702 readable format, and shall contain, in addition to other notices given to 703 the defendant in the execution, a conspicuous notice, in large boldface 704 type, that (1) a person who claims to have a right to continue to occupy 705 the premises should immediately contact an attorney, [and] (2) provides 706 clear instructions as to how and where the defendant may reclaim any 707 possessions and personal effects removed and stored pursuant to this 708 section, including a telephone number that may be called to arrange 709 release of such possessions and personal effects, and (3) any person who 710 remains at the property after the time of the eviction as listed on the 711 execution may be subject to arrest for criminal trespass in the first 712 degree, in violation of section 53a-107.

Sec. 20. Subsection (b) of section 49-22 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

716 (b) Before any such removal, the state marshal charged with 717 executing upon the ejectment shall give the chief executive officer of the 718 town [twenty-four hours'] notice of the ejectment, stating the date, time 719 and location of such ejectment as well as a general description, if known, 720 of the types and amount of property to be removed from the land and 721 delivered to the designated place of storage. At least five business days 722 before [giving such notice to the chief executive officer of the town] the 723 ejectment, the state marshal shall use reasonable efforts to locate and 724 notify the person or persons in possession of the date and time such 725 ejectment is to take place and of the possibility of a sale pursuant to 726 subsection (c) of this section and shall provide on a form prescribed by 727 the Judicial Department, in clear and simple language and in readable

728 format, containing, in addition to other notices on the ejectment order, 729 a conspicuous notice, in large boldface type, that (1) provides clear 730 instructions as to how and where such person or persons may reclaim 731 any possessions and personal effects removed and stored pursuant to 732 this section, including a telephone number that such person or persons 733 may call to arrange release of such possessions and personal effects, and 734 (2) any person bound by the ejectment order who remains at the 735 property after the time of the removal as listed on the ejectment order 736 may be subject to arrest for criminal trespass in the first degree, in 737 violation of section 53a-107.

Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 52-261 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1, 2025):

741 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 52-742 261a, as amended by this act, each officer or person who serves process, 743 summons or attachments on behalf of: (1) An official of the state or any 744 of its agencies, boards or commissions, or any municipal official acting 745 in his or her official capacity, shall receive a fee of not more than fifty 746 dollars for each process served and an additional fee of fifty dollars for 747 the second and each subsequent service of such process, except that such 748 officer or person shall receive an additional fee of twenty dollars for each 749 subsequent service of such process at the same address or for 750 notification of the office of the Attorney General in dissolution and 751 postjudgment proceedings if a party or child is receiving public 752 assistance; and (2) any person, except a person described in subdivision 753 (1) of this subsection, shall receive a fee of not more than fifty dollars for 754 each process served and an additional fee of fifty dollars for the second 755 and each subsequent service of such process, except that such officer or 756 person shall receive an additional fee of twenty dollars for each 757 subsequent service of such process at the same address or for notification of the office of the Attorney General in dissolution and 758 759 postjudgment proceedings if a party or child is receiving public 760 assistance. Each such officer or person shall also receive the fee set by 761 the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each

762 mile of travel, subject to adjustment within thirty days of any revision 763 to the federal General Services Administration mileage reimbursement 764 rate, to be computed from the place where such officer or person received the process to the place of service, and thence in the case of civil 765 766 process to the place of return. If more than one process is served on one 767 person at one time by any such officer or person, the total cost of travel 768 for the service shall be the same as for the service of one process only, 769 except, if an officer or person is requested by the court or required by 770 law to effectuate in-hand personal service, or for service pursuant to 771 subsection (h) of section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or subsection 772 (d) of section 46b-16a, such officer or person shall receive the fee set by 773 the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each 774 mile of travel, subject to adjustment within thirty days of any revision 775 to the federal General Services Administration mileage reimbursement 776 rate, of each round trip traveled while attempting to effectuate in-hand 777 personal service, to be computed from the place where the process was received to the place of attempted service, and if multiple trips to 778 779 effectuate service are made, back to the place where process was 780 received and then to the place of the subsequent attempt at service, and 781 thence in the case of civil process to the place of return provided the 782 officer or person shall state in the return of service that in-hand personal 783 service was requested or required, or that in-hand service was made 784 pursuant to subsection (h) of section 46b-15, as amended by this act, or 785 subsection (d) of section 46b-16a, and that multiple trips were necessary 786 to effectuate in-hand personal service. The officer or person requesting 787 the receipt of such round trip travel shall make out a bill reciting the 788 dates, times and results of each trip the officer or person traveled while 789 attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service. The officer or person 790 requesting the receipt of such fees for attempted round trip travel may 791 only receive such fees from the Judicial Department when ordered by 792 the court or by law to effectuate in-hand personal service and only when 793 such in-hand personal service is effectuated, when in-hand personal 794 service of process is made pursuant to subsection (h) of section 46b-15, 795 as amended by this act, or subsection (d) of section 46b-16a. Such 796 payment from the Judicial Department of attempted round trip travel

797 for in-hand service of process may be limited to three round trips, 798 provided nothing in this section shall limit payment of a greater amount 799 from the Judicial Department to an officer or person serving process. For 800 service made pursuant to subsection (h) of section 46b-15, as amended 801 by this act, and subsection (d) of section 46b-16a, which was not 802 effectuated in-hand, regardless of any attempts to effectuate service in-803 hand, the mileage fee shall be from the place where the process was 804 received to the place of service, and thence in the case of civil process to 805 the place of return. Where the court allows an applicant additional time 806 to make service under subsection (c) of section 46b-15 or subsection (e) 807 of section 46b-16a, for purposes of calculating the mileage fee for 808 multiple trips, such extra time will be considered a continuation of the 809 original attempts at service. Each officer or person who serves process 810 shall also receive the moneys actually paid for town clerk's fees on the 811 service of process. Each officer or person who serves process shall also 812 receive the moneys actually paid for fees for the disclosure or search of 813 records of the Department of Motor Vehicles in connection with the 814 service of process. Any officer or person required to summon jurors by 815 personal service of a warrant to attend court shall receive for the first 816 ten miles of travel while so engaged, such mileage to be computed from 817 the place where such officer or person receives the process to the place 818 of service, twenty-five cents for each mile, and for each additional mile, 819 ten cents. For summoning any juror to attend court otherwise than by 820 personal service of the warrant, such officer or person shall receive only 821 the sum of fifty cents and actual disbursements necessarily expended by 822 such officer or person in making service thereof as directed. 823 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for summoning grand 824 jurors, such officer or person shall receive only such officer's or person's 825 actual expenses and such reasonable sum for services as are taxed by the 826 court. The following fees shall be allowed and paid: (A) For taking bail 827 or bail bond, one dollar; (B) for copies of writs and complaints, exclusive 828 of endorsements, one dollar per page, not to exceed a total amount of 829 nine hundred dollars in any particular matter; (C) for endorsements, 830 fifty cents per page or fraction thereof; (D) for service of a warrant for 831 the seizure of intoxicating liquors, or for posting and leaving notices

832 after the seizure, or for the destruction or delivery of any such liquors 833 under order of court, twenty dollars; (E) for the removal and custody of 834 such liquors so seized, reasonable expenses, and twenty dollars; (F) for the levy of an execution, when the money is actually collected and paid 835 836 over, or the debt or a portion of the debt is secured by the officer, fifteen 837 per cent on the amount of the execution, provided the minimum fee for 838 such execution shall be fifty dollars; (G) on the levy of an execution on 839 real property and on application for sale of personal property attached, 840 to each appraiser, for each half day of actual service, reasonable and 841 customary expenses; (H) for causing an execution levied on real 842 property to be recorded, fees for travel, twenty dollars and costs; (I) for 843 services on an application for the sale of personal property attached, or 844 in selling mortgaged property foreclosed under a decree of court, the 845 same fees as for similar services on executions; (J) for committing any 846 person to a community correctional center, in civil actions, the fee set by 847 the Department of Administrative Services for state employees for each 848 mile of travel, from the place of the court to the community correctional 849 center; (K) for summoning and attending a jury for reassessing damages 850 or benefits on a highway, three dollars a day; (L) for any recording for 851 which the recording fee is not otherwise prescribed by law, fifty dollars, 852 costs and the fee set by the Department of Administrative Services for 853 state employees for each mile of travel; and (M) for postage or 854 international mailing costs incurred pursuant to a court order, actual 855 expenses. The court shall tax as costs a reasonable amount for the care 856 of property held by any officer under attachment or execution. The 857 officer serving any attachment or execution may claim compensation for 858 time and expenses of any person, in keeping, securing or removing 859 property taken thereon, provided such officer shall make out a bill. The 860 bill shall specify the labor done, and by whom, the time spent, the travel, 861 the money paid, if any, and to whom and for what. The compensation 862 for the services shall be reasonable and customary and the amount of 863 expenses and shall be taxed by the court with the costs.

864 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 52-261a of the general statutes is 865 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 866 1, 2025):

867 (a) Any process served by any officer or person for the Judicial
868 Department or Division of Criminal Justice shall be served in
869 accordance with the following schedule of fees:

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, each
officer or person who serves process shall receive a fee of not more than
fifty dollars for the service of such process on a person and an additional
fee of fifty dollars for the service of such process on each additional
person, except that such officer or person shall receive an additional fee
of twenty dollars for each subsequent service of such process at the same
address.

877 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, in 878 addition to the fee set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, each 879 officer or person who serves process shall receive, for each mile of travel, 880 the same amount per mile as provided for state employees pursuant to 881 section 5-141c, subject to adjustment within thirty days of any revision 882 to the federal General Services Administration mileage reimbursement 883 rate, to be computed from the place where such officer or person 884 received the process to the place of service, and thence in the case of civil 885 process to the place of return, provided, if more than one process is 886 served on one person at one time by any such officer or person, the total 887 cost of travel for such service shall be the same as for the service of one 888 process only, except that in the case in which an officer or person is 889 requested or required to effectuate in-hand personal service, such officer 890 shall also receive the fee set by the Department of Administrative 891 Services for state employees for each mile of travel, subject to 892 adjustment within thirty days of any revision to the federal General 893 Services Administration mileage reimbursement rate, for each round 894 trip traveled while attempting to effectuate in-hand personal service, to 895 be computed from the place where the process was received to the place 896 of attempted service, and if multiple trips to effectuate service are made, 897 back to the place where process was received and then to the place of 898 the subsequent attempt at service, and thence in the case of civil process

to the place of return, provided the officer or person shall state in the 899 900 return of service that in-hand personal service was requested or 901 required and that multiple trips were necessary to effectuate in-hand 902 personal service. The officer or person requesting the receipt of such 903 round trip travel shall make out a bill reciting the dates, times and 904 results of each trip the officer or person traveled while attempting to 905 effectuate in-hand personal service. The officer or person requesting the 906 receipt of such attempted round trip travel shall receive such travel fees 907 for attempted service only when in-hand personal service of process is 908 effectuated. Such travel fees paid may be limited to three round trips, 909 provided nothing in this section shall limit payment of a greater amount to an officer or person serving process. 910

911 (3) Each officer or person who serves process to enforce the obligation 912 of an attorney pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 51-913 81d shall receive the fee set by the Department of Administrative 914 Services for state employees for each mile of travel, subject to 915 adjustment within thirty days of any revision to the federal General 916 Services Administration mileage reimbursement rate, to be computed 917 from the place where such officer or person received the process to the 918 place of service, and thence to the place of return. If more than one 919 process is served on one person at one time by any such officer or 920 person, the total cost of travel for the service shall be the same as for the 921 service of one process only.

(4) Each officer or person who serves process shall also receive themoneys actually paid for town clerk's fees on the service of process.

(5) Each officer or person who serves process shall also receive the
moneys actually paid for fees for the disclosure or search of records of
the Department of Motor Vehicles in connection with the service of
process.

(6) Any officer or person required to summon jurors by personal
service of a warrant to attend court shall receive for the first ten miles of
travel while so engaged, such mileage to be computed from the place

931 where such officer or person receives the process to the place of service,

932 twenty-five cents for each mile, and for each additional mile, ten cents.

933 (7) For summoning any juror to attend court otherwise than by
934 personal service of the warrant, such officer or person shall receive only
935 the sum of fifty cents and actual disbursements necessarily expended by
936 such officer or person in making service thereof as directed.

937 Sec. 23. Section 52-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the 938 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) All process shall be directed to a state marshal, a constable or other
proper officer authorized by statute, or, subject to the provisions of
subsection (b) of this section, to an indifferent person. A direction on the
process "to any proper officer" shall be sufficient to direct the process to
a state marshal, constable or other proper officer.

(b) Process shall not be directed to an indifferent person unless
authorized by statute. Any indifferent person who, knowing that he is
not authorized to do so under this section or any other provision of the
general statutes, serves process shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(c) Service of motions for modification, motions for contempt and
wage withholdings in any matter involving a beneficiary of care or
assistance from the state and in other IV-D child support cases may be
made by any investigator employed by the Commissioner of
Administrative Services or the Commissioner of Social Services.

953 (d) Service of motions for modification, motions for contempt and 954 wage withholdings in any matter involving child support, including, 955 but not limited to, petitions for support authorized under sections 17b-956 745 and 46b-215, and those matters involving a beneficiary of care or 957 assistance from the state, and service of other process in IV-D support 958 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, 959 may be made by a support enforcement officer or support services 960 investigator of the Superior Court.

961 (e) Borough bailiffs may, within their respective boroughs, execute all962 legal process which state marshals or constables may execute.

963 (f) (1) Process directed to a state marshal by an attorney-at-law or 964 public agency, as defined in section 13 of this act, shall be delivered to such state marshal by either (A) providing the original process printed 965 966 on paper and personally signed in ink by the issuing authority, along 967 with sufficient copies for the state marshal to effectuate service, except that in matters where the process to be served has been issued by or filed 968 969 with the Judicial Department before delivery to a state marshal, the original process delivered to such state marshal as prescribed by this 970 971 subparagraph may be a printed copy of the process as filed with the 972 Judicial Department, or (B) transmitting the process to a state marshal 973 electronically pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of this act.

974 (2) Process directed to a state marshal by parties other than an 975 attorney-at-law or public agency, as defined in section 13 of this act, 976 including self-represented parties, which are returnable to a court, 977 agency, board or tribunal, as the case may be, which is located in this 978 state and is established by the general statutes or a special act, shall be 979 delivered to such state marshal by providing the original process printed on paper and personally signed in ink by the issuing authority, 980 981 along with sufficient copies for the state marshal to effectuate service, 982 except that in matters where the process to be served is on file with the 983 Judicial Department before delivery to a state marshal, the original 984 process delivered to such state marshal as prescribed by this 985 subparagraph may be a printed copy of the process as filed with the 986 Judicial Department.

987 (3) Process directed to a state marshal which originates from a court
 988 or public agency outside of this state, which is established under a law
 989 other than the law of this state may be transmitted to a state marshal
 990 electronically pursuant to the provisions of section 13 of this act.

(4) In the case where sufficient copies of the documents to be served,
 as provided for in this section, have not been given to a state marshal to

993 <u>effectuate service, a state marshal may charge for the production of</u>
994 <u>actual copies produced as needed to complete service of process, and</u>
995 <u>shall charge the fees provided for in subsection (i) of section 13 of this</u>
996 <u>act, subject to the exclusions set forth in said subsection, as if the process</u>
997 <u>were transmitted electronically.</u>

998 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 52-143 of the general statutes is
999 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*1000 1, 2025):

1001 (a) Subpoenas for witnesses shall be personally signed in ink by the 1002 [clerk of the court or] hand of a commissioner of the Superior Court 1003 [and] or by the hand of the clerk of the court or an authorized court 1004 employee. The Chief Court Administrator may prescribe an alternative 1005 means for the signing of such subpoenas involving Judicial Branch 1006 employees. Such subpoenas shall be served by an officer, indifferent 1007 person or, in any criminal case in which a defendant is represented by a 1008 public defender or Division of Public Defender Services assigned 1009 counsel, by an investigator of the Division of Public Defender Services. 1010 [The subpoena] Such subpoenas shall be served not less than eighteen 1011 hours prior to the time designated for the person summoned to appear, 1012 unless the court orders otherwise.

1013 Sec. 25. Section 52-45a of the general statutes is repealed and the 1014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

1015 Civil actions shall be commenced by legal process consisting of a writ 1016 of summons or attachment, describing the parties, the court to which it 1017 is returnable, the return day, the date and place for the filing of an 1018 appearance and information required by the Office of the Chief Court 1019 Administrator. The writ shall be accompanied by the plaintiff's 1020 complaint. The writ may run into any judicial district and shall be 1021 personally signed in ink by the hand of a commissioner of the Superior 1022 Court. [or] The writ may also be signed by the hand of a judge, an 1023 authorized court employee or clerk of the court. [to which it is 1024 returnable] The Chief Court Administrator may prescribe an alternative

- 1025 means for the signing of writs involving Judicial Branch employees.
- 1026 Sec. 26. Section 6-38n of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
- 1027 October 1, 2025)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	6-30a(a)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	6-35
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	6-38
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	6-38a(a)
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	6-38b
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	6-38c
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	6-38d
Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	6-38e
Sec. 9	October 1, 2025	6-39
Sec. 10	October 1, 2025	14-10(f)
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