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AND ELECTIONS

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS IN
THIS STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-322a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular election,
4 the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast at such
5 election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the third
6 day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars of
7 voters and town clerk for each town [divided into voting districts] shall
8 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.
9 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator
10 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the
11 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

12 (b) Not later than twenty-one days following each regular state
13 election, the town clerk of each town [divided into voting districts] shall

14 file with the Secretary of the State a consolidated listing, in tabular
 15 format, as prescribed by the Secretary of the State, of the official returns
 16 [of each such voting district] for all offices voted on at such election,
 17 including the total number of votes cast for each candidate, the total
 18 number of names on the registry list, and the total number of names
 19 checked as having voted. [, in each such district.] The town clerk of such
 20 town shall certify that he or she has examined the lists transmitted under
 21 this section to determine whether there are any discrepancies between
 22 the total number of votes cast for a candidate at such election in such
 23 town, including for any recanvass conducted pursuant to section 9-311
 24 or 9-311a, and the sum of the votes cast for the same candidate in all
 25 voting districts in such town if such town has been divided into voting
 26 districts. In the case of any such discrepancy, the town clerk shall notify
 27 the head moderator and certify that such discrepancy has been rectified.
 28 Each listing filed under this section shall be retained by the Secretary of
 29 the State not less than ten years after the date of the election for which it
 30 was filed.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
 32 "municipality", "government enforcement action", "federal Voting
 33 Rights Act" and "protected class" have the same meanings as provided
 34 in section 9-368i of the general statutes.

35 (b) The corporation counsel of any municipality that has been subject
 36 to any court order or government enforcement action described in
 37 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-368m
 38 of the general statutes shall provide to the office of the Secretary of the
 39 State all details pertaining to such matter not later than one month after
 40 the effective date of this section, the issuance of such court order or the
 41 commencement of such government enforcement action, whichever is
 42 latest.

43 (c) If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any action filed
 44 therein alleges a violation of the provisions of sections 9-368j to 9-368q,
 45 inclusive, of the general statutes, the federal Voting Rights Act, any state

46 or federal civil rights law, the fifteenth amendment to the United States
47 Constitution or the fourteenth amendment to the United States
48 Constitution, which violation concerns the right to vote or a pattern,
49 practice of policy of discrimination against any protected class, such
50 court shall cause notice of the hearing on such action to be given to the
51 Secretary of the State.

52 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is
53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
54 *1, 2026*):

55 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is
56 unable to gain access to the polling place due to [a temporary] an
57 incapacity, the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or
58 her in the area designated pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-236, as
59 amended by this act, for curbside voting. The registrars of voters or the
60 assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall take such ballot,
61 along with a privacy sleeve to such elector. The elector shall show
62 identification, in accordance with the provisions of this section. The
63 elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence of the election
64 officials in such manner that the election officials shall not know how
65 the ballot is marked. The elector shall place the ballot in the privacy
66 sleeve. The election officials shall mark the elector's name on the official
67 voter list, manually on paper or electronically, as having voted in person
68 and deliver such ballot and privacy sleeve to the voting tabulator where
69 such ballot shall be placed into the tabulator, by the election official, for
70 counting. The moderator shall record such activity in the moderator's
71 diary.

72 Sec. 4. Section 9-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the
73 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

74 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
75 shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or
76 himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted

77 at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising
78 matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius of seventy-
79 five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any polling place
80 or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such
81 outside entrance to such polling place or in any room opening upon any
82 such corridor, passageway or approach. Nothing contained in this
83 section shall be construed to prohibit (1) parent-teacher associations or
84 parent-teacher organizations from holding bake sales or other fund-
85 raising activities on the day of any primary, referendum or election in
86 any school used as a polling place, provided such sales or activities shall
87 not be held in the room in which the election booths are located, (2) the
88 registrars of voters from directing the officials at a primary, referendum
89 or election to distribute, within the restricted area, adhesive labels on
90 which are imprinted the words "I Voted Today", or (3) the registrars of
91 voters in a primary, election or referendum from jointly permitting
92 nonpartisan activities to be conducted in a room other than the room in
93 which the election booths are located. The registrars may jointly impose
94 such conditions and limitations on such nonpartisan activity as deemed
95 necessary to ensure the orderly process of voting. The moderator shall
96 evict any person who in any way interferes with the orderly process of
97 voting.

98 (b) (1) The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the
99 seventy-five-foot distance from such entrance. Such markers shall
100 consist of a board resting on an iron rod, which board shall be not less
101 than twelve inches square and painted a bright color and shall bear the
102 figures and letters "75 feet" and the following words: "On the day of any
103 primary, referendum or election no person shall solicit in behalf of or in
104 opposition to another or himself or peddle or offer any ballot,
105 advertising matter or circular to another person or loiter within a radius
106 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any
107 polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading
108 from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room
109 opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach."

110 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
111 subsection, the selectmen may provide the markers required by the
112 provisions of this subsection in effect prior to October 1, 1983, except
113 that in the case of a referendum which is not held in conjunction with
114 an election or a primary, the selectmen shall provide the markers
115 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection.

116 (3) The moderator and the moderator's assistants shall meet at least
117 twenty minutes before the opening of a primary, referendum or an
118 election in the voting district, and shall cause to be placed by a police
119 officer or constable, or such other primary or election official as they
120 select, a suitable number of distance markers. Such moderator or any
121 police officer or constable shall prohibit loitering and peddling of tickets
122 within that distance.

123 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate at each polling place an
124 area for curbside voting where any elector who is present at the polling
125 place, but is unable to gain access to the polling place due to an
126 incapacity, may request that the ballot be brought to such elector as
127 provided in subsection (b) of section 9-261, as amended by this act.

128 (2) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
129 shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another or
130 himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted
131 at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising
132 matter, ballot or circular to another person within a marked radius of
133 twenty feet of any elector who is brought a ballot in the area designated
134 for curbside voting pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

135 (3) (A) While an elector is casting his or her ballot in the area
136 designated for curbside voting pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
137 subsection, no person shall be allowed in any vehicle being used by such
138 elector to cast such ballot for any purpose other than casting such ballot
139 or driving such elector to cast such ballot.

140 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this

141 subdivision, no candidate shall be allowed in any vehicle used for the
142 casting of a ballot under this subsection unless for purposes of casting
143 the candidate's own ballot.

144 (4) The Secretary of the State shall adopt regulations, in accordance
145 with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this
146 subsection. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, a model
147 plan that municipalities may implement for curbside voting.

148 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) No person shall be allowed within any polling place for any
149 purpose other than casting his or her vote, except (1) those permitted or
150 exempt under this section or section 9-236a, (2) primary officials under
151 section 9-436, (3) election officials under section 9-258, including (A) a
152 municipal clerk or registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same
153 office, performing his or her official duties, and (B) a deputy registrar of
154 voters, who is a candidate for the office of registrar of voters, performing
155 his or her official duties, or (4) unofficial checkers under section 9-235.
156 Representatives of the news media shall be allowed to enter, remain
157 within and leave any polling place or restricted area surrounding any
158 polling place to observe the election, provided any such representative
159 who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be
160 evicted by the moderator. A number of students in grades four to
161 twelve, inclusive, not to exceed four at any one time in any one polling
162 place, may enter any polling place between twelve o'clock noon and
163 three o'clock p.m. for the purpose of observing the activities taking place
164 in the polling place, provided there is proper parental or teacher
165 supervision present, and provided further, any such student who in any
166 way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the
167 moderator. An elector may be accompanied into any polling place by
168 one or more children who are fifteen years of age or younger and
169 supervised by the elector if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of
170 such children.

171 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section or,
172 while the polls are open for voting, removes or injures any such distance

173 marker, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

174 Sec. 5. Section 9-388 of the general statutes is repealed and the
175 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

176 (a) Whenever a convention of a political party is held for the
177 endorsement of candidates for nomination to state or district office, each
178 candidate endorsed at such convention shall file with the Secretary of
179 the State a certificate, signed by him, stating that he was endorsed by
180 such convention, his name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot, his
181 full residence address and the title and district, if applicable, of the office
182 for which he was endorsed. Such certificate shall be attested by either
183 (1) the chairman or presiding officer, or (2) the secretary of such
184 convention and shall be received by the Secretary of the State not later
185 than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of such
186 convention. Such certificate shall either be mailed to the Secretary of the
187 State by certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered in person,
188 in which case a receipt indicating the date and time of delivery shall be
189 provided by the Secretary of the State to the person making delivery. If
190 a certificate of a party's endorsement for a particular state or district
191 office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such
192 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of [section 9-
193 416 and section 9-416a] sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to
194 have made no endorsement of any candidate for such office. If
195 applicable, the chairman of a party's state convention shall, forthwith
196 upon the close of such convention, file with the Secretary of the State the
197 names and full residence addresses of persons selected by such
198 convention as the nominees of such party for electors of President and
199 Vice-President of the United States in accordance with the provisions of
200 section 9-175.

201 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in the
202 case of a timely filed certificate of a party's endorsement pursuant to
203 subsection (a) of this section, which contains an error or omission that
204 would operate to invalidate such endorsement, the candidate so

205 certified or an individual authorized to act on behalf of such candidate
206 may correct such error or omission by appearing in person at the office
207 of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
208 nineteenth day after the close of the state or district convention, as
209 applicable, and amending such certificate to make such correction. If
210 such candidate or individual does not appear to so amend such
211 certificate by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party,
212 for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to have
213 made no such endorsement.

214 (2) The Secretary of the State may, within the time period specified in
215 subdivision (1) of this subsection, amend a timely filed certificate of a
216 party's endorsement to correct any such error or omission, and shall
217 keep a record of any such amendment made pursuant to this
218 subdivision. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require
219 the Secretary to affirmatively attempt to identify any error or omission
220 in any such certificate.

221 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 9-391 of the general statutes is
222 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
223 *1, 2026*):

224 (c) (1) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the
225 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a
226 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not
227 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day
228 preceding the day of such primary. Each certification to be filed under
229 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State not later
230 than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town
231 committee meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a
232 certificate of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of
233 the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party,
234 for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418, shall be deemed to have
235 neither made nor certified any endorsement of any candidate for such
236 office. The candidate so endorsed for a municipal office to be voted upon

237 at a state election, other than the office of justice of the peace, shall file
 238 with the Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by that candidate,
 239 stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's name as
 240 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full
 241 street address and the title and district of the office for which the
 242 candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by a candidate
 243 whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such
 244 party within the senatorial district within which the candidate is
 245 endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal office of
 246 state senator, or the assembly district within which the candidate is
 247 endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal office of
 248 state representative, or the municipality or political subdivision within
 249 which the candidate is to run for nomination for other municipal offices
 250 to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate shall be attested by
 251 either the chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town
 252 committee, caucus or convention which made such endorsement. The
 253 endorsement of any candidate for the office of justice of the peace shall
 254 be certified to the clerk of the municipality by either the chairperson or
 255 presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee, caucus or
 256 convention, and shall contain the name and street address of each
 257 candidate so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such
 258 candidate is endorsed. Such certification shall be made on a form
 259 prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on such other form as may
 260 comply with the provisions of this subsection.

261 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, in
 262 the case of a timely filed certificate of a party's endorsement pursuant to
 263 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which contains an error or omission
 264 that would operate to invalidate such endorsement, the candidate so
 265 certified or an individual authorized to act on behalf of such candidate
 266 may correct such error or omission by appearing in person at the office
 267 of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
 268 nineteenth day after the close of the town committee meeting, caucus or
 269 convention, as applicable, and amending such certificate to make such

270 correction. If such candidate or individual does not appear to so amend
271 such certificate by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such
272 party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418, shall be deemed to
273 have neither made nor certified such endorsement.

274 (B) The Secretary of the State may, within the time period specified in
275 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, amend a timely filed certificate of
276 a party's endorsement to correct any such error or omission, and shall
277 keep a record of any such amendment made pursuant to this
278 subparagraph. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to
279 require the Secretary to affirmatively attempt to identify any error or
280 omission in any such certificate.

281 Sec. 7. Section 9-400 of the general statutes is repealed and the
282 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

283 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
284 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
285 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality
286 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
287 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
288 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
289 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
290 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,
291 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
292 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in accordance
293 with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies
294 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by
295 submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m.
296 on the fourteenth day following the close of the state convention, a
297 certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the
298 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that
299 such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that
300 such candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for
301 such state office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as

302 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full
303 residence address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is
304 being filed. If such certificate for a state office is not received by the
305 Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and
306 such person, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be
307 deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy for nomination
308 by a political party [for] to such state office. A single such certificate or
309 petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more candidates
310 for different state offices who consent to have their names appear on a
311 single row of the primary ballot under subsection (b) of section 9-437.
312 Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed
313 by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-
314 third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar
315 of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were
316 circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the
317 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c.
318 A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office shall be
319 invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the party-
320 endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act,
321 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such
322 office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a,
323 upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and
324 circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or
325 more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the
326 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town
327 clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions of
328 section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in each
329 municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

330 (b) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district office
331 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon
332 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the district the
333 person seeks to represent that is in the office of the Secretary of the State
334 at the end of the last day prior to the convention for the party from

335 which the person seeks nomination and who has either (1) received at
 336 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and
 337 voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed
 338 endorsement of a candidate for such district office, whether or not the
 339 party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on
 340 the last ballot, or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of
 341 at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district
 342 for the district office of representative in Congress, and at least five per
 343 cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district for the district
 344 offices of state senator, state representative and judge of probate, in
 345 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive.
 346 Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed
 347 by submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock
 348 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the district convention,
 349 a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the
 350 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that
 351 such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that
 352 the candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for
 353 such district office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as
 354 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full
 355 residence address and the title and district of the office for which the
 356 candidacy is being filed. If such certificate for a district office is not
 357 received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall
 358 be invalid and such person, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-
 359 416a, shall be deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy
 360 for nomination by a political party ~~[for]~~ to such district office.
 361 Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed
 362 by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-
 363 third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar
 364 of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were
 365 circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the
 366 Secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition
 367 may only be filed by or on behalf of a candidate for the district office of
 368 state senator, state representative or judge of probate who is not certified

369 as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended
370 by this act, or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote
371 for such office pursuant to this subsection. A petition filed by or on
372 behalf of a candidate for the district office of representative in Congress
373 shall be invalid if said candidate is certified as the party-endorsed
374 candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act, or as
375 receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office
376 pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon
377 the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and circulation
378 and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more
379 candidacies for such district office have been filed pursuant to the
380 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town
381 clerks within the district, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
382 433, that a primary for such district office shall be held in each
383 municipality and each part of a municipality within the district in
384 accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

385 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in the
386 case of a timely filed certificate of candidacy for nomination by a
387 political party pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section, which
388 contains an error or omission that would operate to invalidate such
389 candidacy for nomination, the person so certified or an agent of such
390 person may correct such error or omission by appearing in person at the
391 office of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the
392 nineteenth day after the close of the state or district convention, as
393 applicable, and amending such certificate to make such correction,
394 provided neither failure of such person to timely file such certificate
395 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section nor failure of the
396 chairperson, presiding officer or secretary of the convention to attest
397 such certificate shall be an error or omission that may be corrected
398 pursuant to this subsection. If such person or agent does not appear to
399 so amend such certificate by such time, such certificate shall be invalid
400 and such person, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be
401 deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy for nomination

402 by a political party. As used in this subsection, "agent" means an
403 individual authorized to act on behalf of a person.

404 (2) The Secretary of the State may, within the time period specified in
405 subdivision (1) of this subsection, amend a timely filed certificate of
406 candidacy for nomination to correct any such error or omission, and
407 shall keep a record of any such amendment made pursuant to this
408 subdivision. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require
409 the Secretary to affirmatively attempt to identify any error or omission
410 in any such certificate.

411 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) For the purposes of this section, the number of enrolled
412 members of a party shall be determined by the latest enrollment records
413 in the office of the Secretary of the State prior to the earliest date that
414 primary petitions were available. The names of electors on the inactive
415 registry list compiled under section 9-35 shall not be counted for
416 purposes of computing the number of petition signatures required
417 under this section, as provided in section 9-35c.

418 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies in
419 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office
420 facilities of the registrars of voters shall open not later than one o'clock
421 p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and such
422 registrars or the deputy or assistant registrars shall be present.

423 Sec. 8. Section 9-452 of the general statutes is repealed and the
424 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

425 (a) All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office
426 shall make such nominations and certify and file a list of such
427 nominations, as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second
428 day prior to the day of the election at which such candidates are to be
429 voted for. A list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes
430 each candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the
431 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each
432 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each candidate

433 is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the committee,
 434 meeting or other authority making such nomination and shall be filed
 435 by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State, in the case of
 436 any state, district or municipal office to be voted upon at a state election,
 437 or with the clerk of the municipality, in the case of any municipal office
 438 to be voted upon at a municipal election, not later than the sixty-second
 439 day prior to the day of the election. The registrars of voters of such
 440 municipality shall promptly verify and correct the names on any such
 441 list filed with him, or the names of nominees forwarded to the clerk of
 442 the municipality by the Secretary of the State, in accordance with the
 443 registry list of such municipality and endorse the same as having been
 444 so verified and corrected. For purposes of this section, a list of
 445 nominations shall be deemed to be filed when it is received by the
 446 Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate. If such
 447 certificate of a party's nomination is not received by the Secretary of the
 448 State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate, by such time, such
 449 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-460,
 450 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any
 451 nomination of any candidate for such office. A candidacy for
 452 nomination by a minor party to a district or municipal office may be
 453 filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the last-completed
 454 registry list of the district or municipality represented by such office, as
 455 the case may be. A candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a state
 456 office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the
 457 last-completed registry list of the state.

458 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in the
 459 case of a timely filed certificate of nomination for any state, district or
 460 municipal office to be voted upon at a state election pursuant to
 461 subsection (a) of this section, which contains an error or omission that
 462 would operate to invalidate such nomination, the candidate so certified
 463 or an individual authorized to act on behalf of such candidate may
 464 correct such error or omission by appearing in person at the office of the
 465 Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fifty-seventh

466 day prior to the day of the election and amending such certificate to
467 make such correction, provided neither failure of the presiding officer
468 of the committee, meeting or other authority to timely file such
469 certificate pursuant to subsection (a) of this section nor failure of the
470 candidate to sign such certificate shall be an error or omission that may
471 be corrected pursuant to this subsection. If such candidate or individual
472 does not appear to so amend such certificate by such time, such
473 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections
474 9-460, 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to have neither made nor
475 certified any such nomination.

476 (2) The Secretary of the State may, within the time period specified in
477 subdivision (1) of this subsection, amend a timely filed certificate of
478 nomination to correct any such error or omission, and shall keep a
479 record of any such amendment made pursuant to this subdivision.
480 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require the Secretary
481 to affirmatively attempt to identify any error or omission in any such
482 certificate.

483 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 9-404b of the general statutes is
484 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
485 *passage*):

486 (d) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled
487 party member of a municipality in this state. Each petition page shall
488 contain a statement signed by the registrar of the municipality in which
489 the circulator is an enrolled party member attesting that the circulator is
490 an enrolled party member in the municipality. Unless such a statement
491 by the registrar of voters appears on each page so submitted, the
492 Secretary shall reject the page. Each separate page of the petition shall
493 contain a statement as to the authenticity of the signatures on the page
494 and the number of such signatures, and shall be signed under the
495 penalties of false statement by the person who circulated the page,
496 setting forth the circulator's address and the town in which the
497 circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that each person

498 whose name appears on the page signed the petition in person in the
 499 presence of the circulator, that the circulator either knows each such
 500 signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified himself or herself to the
 501 circulator and that the spaces for candidates supported, offices sought
 502 and the political party involved were filled in prior to the obtaining of
 503 the signatures. Each separate page of the petition shall also be
 504 acknowledged before an appropriate person as provided in section 1-
 505 29. The Secretary shall reject any page of a petition filed with the
 506 Secretary which does not contain such a statement by the circulator as
 507 to the authenticity of the signatures on the page, or upon which the
 508 statement of the circulator is incomplete in any respect, or which does
 509 not contain the certification required under this section by the registrar
 510 of the town in which the circulator is an enrolled party member. No
 511 person who has been convicted of a crime under this title shall circulate
 512 any page of a primary petition during such person's period of probation
 513 or parole, and for a period of twelve years after such person's release
 514 from confinement, probation or parole, and the Secretary shall reject for
 515 filing any such page that was circulated in violation of such prohibition.
 516 Any individual proposed as a candidate in any primary petition may
 517 serve as a circulator of the pages of the petition, provided the
 518 individual's service as circulator does not violate any provision of this
 519 section.

520 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 9-410 of the general statutes is
 521 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 522 *passage*):

523 (c) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled
 524 party member of a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote. Each
 525 petition page shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the
 526 municipality in which such circulator is an enrolled party member
 527 attesting that the circulator is an enrolled party member in such
 528 municipality. Unless such a statement by the registrar appears on each
 529 page so submitted, the registrar shall reject such page. No candidate for
 530 the nomination of a party for a municipal office or the position of town

531 committee member shall circulate any petition for another candidate or
532 another group of candidates contained in one primary petition for the
533 nomination of such party for the same office or position, and any
534 petition page circulated in violation of this provision shall be rejected by
535 the registrar. No person shall circulate petitions for more than the
536 maximum number of candidates to be nominated by a party for the
537 same office or position, and any petition page circulated in violation of
538 this provision shall be rejected by the registrar. Each separate sheet of
539 such petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the
540 signatures thereon and the number of such signatures, and shall be
541 signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who
542 circulated the same, setting forth such circulator's address and the town
543 in which such circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that
544 each person whose name appears on such sheet signed the same in
545 person in the presence of such circulator, that the circulator either knows
546 each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified the signer to
547 the circulator and that the spaces for candidates supported, offices or
548 positions sought and the political party involved were filled in prior to
549 the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate sheet of such petition shall
550 also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as provided in
551 section 1-29. Any sheet of a petition filed with the registrar which does
552 not contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of
553 the signatures thereon, or upon which the statement of the circulator is
554 incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification
555 hereinbefore required by the registrar of the town in which the
556 circulator is an enrolled party member, shall be rejected by the registrar.
557 No person who has been convicted of a crime under this title shall
558 circulate any page of a primary petition during such person's period of
559 probation or parole, and for a period of twelve years after such person's
560 release from confinement, probation or parole, and the registrar shall
561 reject for filing any such page that was circulated in violation of such
562 prohibition. Any individual proposed as a candidate in any primary
563 petition may serve as a circulator of the pages of such petition, provided
564 such individual's service as circulator does not violate any provision of

565 this section.

566 Sec. 11. Section 9-453e of the general statutes is repealed and the
567 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

568 (a) Each circulator of a nominating petition page shall be a United
569 States citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of a town in
570 this state and shall not be on parole for conviction of a felony. Any
571 individual proposed as a candidate in any nominating petition may
572 serve as circulator of the pages of such nominating petition.

573 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
574 no person who has been convicted of a crime under this title shall
575 circulate any page of a nominating petition during such person's period
576 of probation or parole, and for a period of twelve years after such
577 person's release from confinement, probation or parole. The appropriate
578 town clerk or the Secretary of the State, as applicable under section 9-
579 453i, shall reject for filing any such page that was circulated in violation
580 of such prohibition.

581 Sec. 12. Section 9-453j of the general statutes is repealed and the
582 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

583 Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or the
584 Secretary of the State and filed with the Secretary of the State under the
585 provisions of sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216 shall
586 contain a statement as to the residency in this state and eligibility of the
587 circulator and authenticity of the signatures thereon, signed under
588 penalties of false statement, by the person who circulated the same. Such
589 statement shall set forth (1) such circulator's residence address,
590 including the town in this state in which such circulator is a resident, (2)
591 the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at least eighteen
592 years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States citizen and [not]
593 neither (A) on parole for conviction of a felony, nor (B) on probation or
594 parole for conviction of a crime under this title or within twelve years of
595 release from confinement, probation or parole due to such a conviction

596 under this subparagraph, and (4) that each person whose name appears
597 on such page signed the same in person in the presence of such
598 circulator and that either the circulator knows each such signer or that
599 the signer satisfactorily identified himself to the circulator. Any false
600 statement committed with respect to such statement shall be deemed to
601 have been committed in the town in which the petition was circulated.

602 Sec. 13. Subsection (k) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is
603 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
604 *passage*):

605 (k) (1) (A) A person shall register with the town clerk before
606 distributing five or more absentee ballot applications for an election,
607 primary or referendum, not including applications distributed to such
608 person's immediate family. Such requirement shall not apply to a person
609 who is the designee of an applicant.

610 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
611 subdivision, no person who has been convicted of a crime under this
612 title shall distribute any absentee ballot application during such person's
613 period of probation or parole, and for a period of twelve years after such
614 person's release from confinement, probation or parole. The town clerk
615 shall reject for filing any absentee ballot application that was distributed
616 in violation of such prohibition.

617 (2) Any person who distributes absentee ballot applications shall
618 maintain a list of the names and addresses of prospective absentee ballot
619 applicants who receive such applications, and shall file such list with
620 the town clerk prior to the date of the primary, election or referendum
621 for which the applications were so distributed. Any person who
622 distributes absentee ballot applications and receives an executed
623 application shall forthwith file the application with the town clerk.

624 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There is established, within
625 the office of the Secretary of the State, a Translation Advisory
626 Committee for the purposes of (1) validating the translations of election-

627 related materials for accuracy and ensuring that such translations meet
628 the needs of the intended audience in a culturally responsive and
629 linguistically appropriate way, and (2) making recommendations to the
630 Secretary of the State and municipal officials on related matters.

631 (b) The Secretary of the State shall appoint members to serve on the
632 Translation Advisory Committee based on an application that shall
633 include the submission of a writing sample. Each member shall:

634 (1) Be a current resident of the state of Connecticut;

635 (2) Have experience in one or more of the municipalities served by
636 the translation of election-related materials;

637 (3) Be proficient in reading and writing in (A) English, and (B) one or
638 more dialects of a language, other than English, that is spoken in
639 Connecticut and in which federal or state law requires election-related
640 materials be made available; and

641 (4) Have experience in (A) election administration, including, but not
642 limited to, serving as a poll worker, or (B) bilingual educational settings
643 or community assistance programs.

644 (c) The Secretary of the State shall make initial appointments to the
645 Translation Advisory Committee not later than August 1, 2025. Each
646 member shall serve for a term of four years from such appointment, or
647 until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

648 (d) The Translation Advisory Committee shall meet as frequently as
649 necessary to timely approve election-related materials translations prior
650 to elections, primaries and referenda, but not less frequently than
651 quarterly each year. Committee members shall serve without
652 compensation and shall not be eligible for mileage reimbursement. Not
653 later than January 15, 2027, and biennially thereafter, the committee
654 shall submit to the Secretary of the State a report on the committee's
655 proceedings, including any recommendations for improvements in

656 performing the committee's duties under this section.

657 (e) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance
658 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to carry out the
659 purposes of this section.

660 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) Each municipality that,
661 pursuant to federal or state law, is required to make election-related
662 materials available in a language other than English shall use
663 professional translators when translating election-related materials
664 from English into such other language. As soon as practicable, but in no
665 case later than sixty-five days prior to each election, primary or
666 referendum, such municipality shall submit its translated election-
667 related materials to the Translation Advisory Committee established
668 under section 1 of this act for review of such translations. As used in this
669 section, "professional translator" means a person who has attained (1)
670 an academic certificate or degree in translation from an accredited
671 institution of higher education, or (2) certification as a translator by a
672 professional association or other accrediting organization.

673 Sec. 16. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the
674 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

675 (a) Ballots shall be printed in plain clear type and on material of such
676 size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be furnished by the registrar of
677 voters. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a political
678 party on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type
679 used to print the names of all other political parties appearing on such
680 ballot. The name of each major party candidate for a municipal office, as
681 defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of state senator
682 and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each
683 candidate. The name of each major party candidate for a state or district
684 office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of state
685 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on
686 the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, as

687 amended by this act, subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400, as
688 amended by this act, or 9-409. The name of each minor party candidate
689 shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each candidate. The name of
690 each nominating petition candidate shall appear on the ballot as it is
691 verified by the town clerk on the application filed under section 9-453b.
692 The size and style of the type used to print the name of a candidate on a
693 ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type used to print
694 the names of all other candidates appearing on such ballot. Such ballot
695 shall contain the names of the offices and the names of the candidates
696 arranged thereon. The names of the political parties and party
697 designations shall be arranged on the ballots and followed by the word
698 "party", either in columns or horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-
699 249a, immediately adjacent to the column or row occupied by the
700 candidate or candidates of such political party or organization. The
701 ballot shall be printed in such manner as to indicate how many
702 candidates the elector may vote for each office, provided in the case of a
703 town adopting the provisions of section 9-204a, such ballot shall indicate
704 the maximum number of candidates who may be elected to such office
705 from any party. If two or more candidates are to be elected to the same
706 office for different terms, the term for which each is nominated shall be
707 printed on the official ballot as a part of the title of the office. If, at any
708 election, one candidate is to be elected for a full term and another to fill
709 a vacancy, the official ballot containing the names of the candidates in
710 the foregoing order shall, as a part of the title of the office, designate the
711 term which such candidates are severally nominated to fill. No column,
712 under the name of any political party or independent organization, shall
713 be printed on any official ballot, which contains more candidates for any
714 office than the number for which an elector may vote for that office.

715 (b) Not later than ten days prior to the commencement of the period
716 of early voting at an election, the registrars of voters of each
717 municipality shall file with the Secretary of the State, for each voting
718 district in such municipality, the official ballot to be used for such voting
719 district. No such official ballot shall be used at any election unless it has

720 been approved by the Secretary of the State.

721 Sec. 17. Subsection (j) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is
722 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
723 *1, 2026*):

724 (j) (1) All ballots used at a primary shall be prepared by the clerk of
725 the municipality in which such primary is held and shall be printed at
726 the expense of the municipality. Not later than ten days prior to the
727 commencement of the period of early voting at a primary, such clerk
728 shall file with the Secretary of the State, for each voting district in such
729 municipality at which such primary is held, the ballot to be used for
730 such voting district. No such ballot shall be used at any primary unless
731 it has been approved by the Secretary of the State.

732 (2) Each municipality shall provide for all polling places:

733 [(1)] (A) At least forty-eight hours before the primary, such clerk shall
734 have sample ballots for general distribution, which shall contain the
735 offices or positions and names of candidates to be voted upon. Each such
736 sample ballot shall also include printed instructions approved by the
737 Secretary of the State concerning the use of the voting tabulator and
738 information concerning the date of the primary and the hours during
739 which polling places will be open. Such clerk shall have available for
740 distribution such number of sample ballots as such clerk deems
741 advisable, but in no event less than three which shall be posted inside
742 the polling place so as to be visible to those within the polling place
743 during the whole day of the primary. At least one of such sample ballots
744 shall be posted so as to be visible to an elector being instructed on the
745 demonstrator device, pursuant to section 9-260. If paper ballots are used
746 in any primary, such sample paper ballots shall be overprinted with the
747 word "Sample";

748 [(2)] (B) Instructions on how to cast a provisional ballot, as prescribed
749 by the Secretary of the State;

750 [(3)] (C) Instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time voters who
751 register to vote by mail on or after January 1, 2003, as prescribed by the
752 Secretary of the State;

753 [(4)] (D) General information concerning voting rights under federal
754 and Connecticut laws, including information on the right of an
755 individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact
756 the appropriate officials if such rights are alleged to have been violated,
757 as prescribed by the Secretary of the State; and

758 [(5)] (E) General information on federal and state laws concerning
759 prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation, as prescribed by
760 the Secretary of the State.

761 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 9-135a of the general statutes is
762 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
763 *1, 2026*):

764 (a) Each absentee ballot shall be arranged to resemble the appropriate
765 ballot and sample ballot as prescribed by law, and shall include, as
766 applicable, the offices, party designations, names of candidates and
767 questions to be voted upon and spaces for write-in votes. A replica of
768 the state seal shall be printed on the ballot. The size, type, form,
769 instructions, specifications for paper and printing and other
770 specifications shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State. Prior to
771 printing such absentee ballots pursuant to section 9-135a, as amended
772 by this act, the clerk of the municipality shall file with the Secretary of
773 the State, for each voting district in such municipality, the absentee
774 ballot to be used for such voting district. No such absentee ballot shall
775 be used at any election or primary unless it has been approved by the
776 Secretary of the State.

777 Sec. 19. Section 9-135b of the general statutes is repealed and the
778 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

779 (a) Immediately after the deadline for certification of all candidates

780 whose names are to appear on the ballot, and in sufficient time to begin
781 issuing absentee ballots on the day prescribed by law, the municipal
782 clerk shall prepare the absentee ballots and have them printed. Prior to
783 printing such ballots, the registrars of voters of the municipality may
784 provide comments concerning the content and form of such ballots to
785 the clerk, provided no such ballot shall be printed unless the Secretary
786 of the State has approved thereof in accordance with section 9-135a, as
787 amended by this act.

788 (b) A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available
789 for public inspection at the clerk's office prior to printing. The model
790 shall indicate the type face to be used, the spelling and placement of
791 names and other information to be printed on the ballots.

792 (c) Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, the
793 municipal clerk shall file one with the Secretary of the State or, if there
794 are different ballots for different political subdivisions, one ballot for
795 each subdivision. The clerk shall also file his affidavit with the Secretary,
796 stating the number of ballots printed. The form of affidavit shall be
797 prescribed by the Secretary. If any correction or alteration is
798 subsequently made on any absentee ballot the clerk shall immediately
799 file a corrected or altered ballot and, using the prescribed form, his
800 affidavit stating the number of such ballots printed, with the Secretary.

801 (d) If a vacancy in candidacy occurs after the ballots have been
802 printed, the clerk may either reprint the ballots or cause printed stickers
803 to be affixed to them so that the name of any candidate who has vacated
804 his candidacy is deleted and the name of any candidate chosen to fill the
805 vacancy as provided in section 9-428 or section 9-460 appears in the
806 same position as that in which the vacated candidacy appeared except
807 as provided in section 9-426 or 9-453s. If no candidate is chosen to fill
808 such vacancy as so provided, the clerk shall cause the name of the
809 candidate whose candidacy has been vacated to be obscured in such
810 manner that such name is no longer visible.

811 (e) [The] Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the
 812 Secretary of the State [shall examine each absentee ballot required to be
 813 filed pursuant to this section and if a ballot contains an omission or
 814 error, the Secretary shall order] from ordering the municipal clerk to
 815 reprint a corrected absentee ballot or to take such other action as the
 816 Secretary may deem appropriate in the case of an absentee ballot that
 817 contains an omission or error.

818 Sec. 20. Section 9-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 819 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

820 [The registrars of voters of each municipality shall, not less than ten
 821 days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at an
 822 election, file with the Secretary of the State a sample ballot identical with
 823 those to be provided for each polling place under section 9-255. The
 824 Secretary of the State shall examine the sample ballot required to be filed
 825 under this section, and if such sample ballot contains an error, the
 826 Secretary of the State shall order] Notwithstanding the provisions of
 827 subsection (b) of section 9-250, as amended by this act, the Secretary of
 828 the State may order the registrars of voters to reprint a corrected
 829 [sample] ballot or to take other such action as the Secretary may deem
 830 appropriate in the case of any ballot that contains an omission or error.

831 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
 832 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 833 *passage*):

834 (a) An absentee ballot shall be cast at a primary, election or
 835 referendum only if: (1) It is mailed by (A) the ballot applicant, (B) a
 836 designee of a person who applies for an absentee ballot because of
 837 illness or physical disability, or (C) a member of the immediate family
 838 of an applicant who is a student, so that it is received by the clerk of the
 839 municipality in which the applicant is qualified to vote not later than the
 840 close of the polls; (2) it is returned by the applicant in person to the clerk
 841 by the day before [a regular election, special] the election or primary or

842 prior to the opening of the polls on the day of [a] the referendum; (3) it
 843 is returned by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant,
 844 in person, to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of
 845 the election, primary or referendum; (4) it is returned by a member of
 846 the immediate family of the absentee voter, in person, to said clerk not
 847 later than the close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or
 848 referendum; (5) in the case of a presidential or overseas ballot, it is
 849 mailed or otherwise returned pursuant to the provisions of section 9-
 850 158g; or (6) it is returned with the proper identification as required by
 851 the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time,
 852 if applicable, inserted in the outer envelope so such identification can be
 853 viewed without opening the inner envelope. A person returning an
 854 absentee ballot to the municipal clerk pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4)
 855 of this subsection shall present identification and, on the outer envelope
 856 of the absentee ballot, sign his name in the presence of the municipal
 857 clerk, and indicate his address, his relationship to the voter or his
 858 position, and the date and time of such return. As used in this section,
 859 "immediate family" means a dependent relative who resides in the
 860 individual's household or any spouse, child, parent or sibling of the
 861 individual.

862 Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be, in any municipality
 863 with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand, an election
 864 monitor for the municipal election in 2025 and the state election in 2026
 865 to detect and prevent irregularity and impropriety in the management
 866 of election administration procedures and the conduct of said elections
 867 in such municipality. The office of the Secretary of the State shall
 868 contract with one or more individuals to serve in such capacity as
 869 election monitor until December 31, 2026, unless such contract is
 870 terminated for any reason by the Secretary of the State prior to said date.
 871 Such election monitor shall: (1) Not be considered a state employee; (2)
 872 be compensated in accordance with such contract; and (3) be
 873 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his
 874 or her duties. Costs related to the service of such election monitor shall

875 be paid from moneys appropriated to the Secretary for such purpose.
876 Such municipality shall provide for such election monitor any office
877 space, supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out
878 the duties and responsibilities of the position. As used in this section,
879 "population" means the estimated number of people according to the
880 most recent version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant
881 to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

882 (b) An election monitor appointed under subsection (a) of this section
883 shall: (1) Oversee the municipal primary and election in 2025 in such
884 municipality, including, but not limited to, absentee ballots, early
885 voting, same-day election registration and voting at polling places on
886 the days of the primary and the election; (2) oversee the state primary
887 and election in 2026 in such municipality, including, but not limited to,
888 absentee ballots, early voting, same-day election registration and voting
889 at polling places on the days of the primary and the election; (3) oversee
890 each special election in 2025 and 2026, if any; (4) conduct inspections,
891 inquiries and investigations relating to any duty or responsibility under
892 title 9 of the general statutes to be carried out by any official of the
893 municipality or appointee of such official; (5) have access to all records,
894 data and material maintained by or available to any such official or
895 appointee; (6) issue periodic reports on a schedule agreed to by the
896 Secretary of the State; and (7) immediately report to the Secretary any
897 irregularity or impropriety in the performance of any duty or
898 responsibility described in this subsection. Nothing in this section shall
899 be construed to prohibit the State Elections Enforcement Commission
900 from taking any action authorized under section 9-7b of the general
901 statutes.

902 (c) The Secretary of the State shall, using moneys appropriated
903 pursuant to this section, develop and conduct a town-wide bilingual
904 public awareness campaign in such municipality to educate members of
905 the public regarding title 9 of the general statutes and such members'
906 rights thereunder.

907 Sec. 23. Section 9-50d of the general statutes is repealed and the
908 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

909 (a) (1) Whenever voter registration information maintained under
910 this title by the Secretary of the State or any registrar of voters is
911 provided pursuant to any provision of the general statutes, disclosure
912 of a voter's date of birth shall be limited to only the month and year of
913 birth, unless such voter registration information is requested and used
914 for a governmental purpose, as determined by the Secretary, in which
915 case the voter's complete date of birth shall be provided. As used in this
916 section, a governmental purpose shall include, but not be limited to, jury
917 administration.

918 (2) Voter registration information described in subdivision (1) of this
919 subsection (A) may only be used for election-related, scholarly,
920 journalistic, political or governmental purposes, and (B) shall not be
921 used for any personal, private or commercial purpose, including, but
922 not limited to, (i) harassment of any voter or voter's household, (ii)
923 advertising, solicitation, sale or marketing of products or services to any
924 voter or voter's household, and (iii) reproduction of such information in
925 print, broadcast visual or audio or display on the Internet or any
926 computer terminal.

927 (3) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance
928 with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the use of voter
929 registration information.

930 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor
931 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number or Social
932 Security number on a voter registration record shall be confidential and
933 shall not be disclosed to any person.

934 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a voter
935 submits to the Secretary of the State a signed statement that
936 nondisclosure of such voter's name from the official registry list is
937 necessary for the safety of such voter or the voter's family, the name and

938 address of such voter on his or her voter registration record shall be
 939 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except that an election, primary
 940 or referendum official may view such information on the official registry
 941 list when such list is used by any such official at a polling place on the
 942 day of an election, primary or referendum. Such signed statement shall
 943 be sworn under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-
 944 157b.

945 Sec. 24. Section 9-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 946 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

947 (a) The Secretary of the State, by virtue of the office, shall be the
 948 Commissioner of Elections of the state, with such powers and duties
 949 relating to the conduct of elections as are prescribed by law and, unless
 950 otherwise provided by state statute, the Secretary's regulations,
 951 declaratory rulings, instructions and opinions, if in written form, and
 952 any order issued under subsection (b) of this section, shall be presumed
 953 as correctly interpreting and effectuating the administration of elections
 954 and primaries under this title, except for chapters 155 to 158, inclusive,
 955 and shall be executed, carried out or implemented, as the case may be,
 956 provided nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the right of
 957 appeal provided under the provisions of chapter 54. Any such written
 958 instruction or opinion shall be labeled as an instruction or opinion
 959 issued pursuant to this section, as applicable, and any such instruction
 960 or opinion shall cite any authority that is discussed in such instruction
 961 or opinion.

962 (b) During any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
 963 recanvass, or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f, the
 964 Secretary of the State may issue an order, whether orally or in writing,
 965 to any registrar of voters or moderator to correct any irregularity or
 966 impropriety in the conduct of such election, primary or recanvass or
 967 audit. Any such order shall be effective upon issuance. As soon as
 968 practicable after issuance of an oral order pursuant to this subsection,
 969 the Secretary shall reduce such order to writing, cite within such order

970 any applicable provision of law authorizing such order and cause a copy
 971 of such written order to be delivered to the individual who is the subject
 972 of such order or, in the case that such order was originally issued in
 973 writing, issue a subsequent written order that conforms to such
 974 requirements. The Superior Court, on application of the Secretary or the
 975 Attorney General, may enforce by appropriate decree or process any
 976 such order issued pursuant to this subsection.

977 (c) Whenever, during the ninety days preceding the day of an election
 978 or primary, one or more electors have alleged aggrievement under this
 979 title, the Secretary of the State may commence a declaratory judgment
 980 action under section 52-29 for a determination as to whether such elector
 981 or electors have been so aggrieved and for an order to ensure election
 982 administration procedures are properly executed and electors' rights are
 983 adequately protected under this title.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-261(b)
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-236
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-388
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-391(c)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-400
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-452
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-404b(d)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-410(c)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-453e
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-453j
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(k)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-250
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-437(j)
Sec. 18	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-135a(a)
Sec. 19	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-135b

Sec. 20	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-256
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(a)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	9-50d
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	9-3

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) expand certain post-election procedures for the correction of returns to all towns rather than just those divided into voting districts, (2) provide for notice to the Secretary of the State in certain matters relating to state or federal voting rights, (3) require registrars of voters to designate areas designated for curbside voting at polling places, (4) allow for the correction of errors or omissions of timely-filed endorsement, nominating or other candidacy-related certificates that would operate to invalidate such certificates if not corrected, (5) prohibit for a period of time certain individuals convicted of crimes under title 9 of the general statutes from circulating primary and nominating petitions and absentee ballot applications, (6) establish a Translation Advisory Committee and require towns to submit translated election-related materials thereto, (7) provide for the Secretary's pre-approval of town's ballots and authority to order corrections in case of omissions or errors, (8) establish an election monitor in a town of a certain size for the 2025 and 2026 elections, (9) prohibit the commercial use of certain voter registration information, and (10) during the ninety days prior to an election or primary, allow the Secretary to go to Superior Court to seek a declaratory judgment on behalf of electors alleging aggrievement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]