



General Assembly

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***Substitute Bill No. 1516***



***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 Section 9-322a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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) In the case of a timely filed certificate of a party's endorsement  
202 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which contains an error or  
203 omission that would operate to invalidate such endorsement, the  
204 candidate so certified or an individual authorized to act on behalf of  
205 such candidate may correct such error or omission by appearing in  
206 person at the office of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock  
207 p.m. on the nineteenth day after the close of the state or district  
208 convention, as applicable, and amending such certificate to make such  
209 correction. If such candidate or individual does not appear to so amend  
210 such certificate by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such  
211 party, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to  
212 have made no such endorsement.

213 (2) The Secretary of the State may, within the time period specified in  
214 subdivision (1) of this subsection, amend a timely filed certificate of a  
215 party's endorsement to correct any such error or omission, and shall

216 keep a record of any such amendment made pursuant to this  
217 subdivision. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to require  
218 the Secretary to affirmatively attempt to identify any error or omission  
219 in any such certificate.

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221 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  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

223       (c) (1) Each endorsement of a candidate to run in a primary for the  
224 nomination of candidates for a municipal office to be voted upon at a  
225 state election shall be made under the provisions of section 9-390 not  
226 earlier than the eighty-fourth day or later than the seventy-seventh day  
227 preceding the day of such primary. Each certification to be filed under  
228 this subsection shall be received by the Secretary of the State not later  
229 than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day after the close of the town  
230 committee meeting, caucus or convention, as the case may be. If such a  
231 certificate of a party's endorsement is not received by the Secretary of  
232 the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party,  
233 for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-418, shall be deemed to have  
234 neither made nor certified any endorsement of any candidate for such  
235 office. The candidate so endorsed for a municipal office to be voted upon  
236 at a state election, other than the office of justice of the peace, shall file  
237 with the Secretary of the State a certificate, signed by that candidate,  
238 stating that such candidate was so endorsed, the candidate's name as  
239 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full  
240 street address and the title and district of the office for which the  
241 candidate was endorsed. Such certificate may be filed by a candidate  
242 whose name appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such  
243 party within the senatorial district within which the candidate is  
244 endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal office of  
245 state senator, or the assembly district within which the candidate is  
246 endorsed to run for nomination in the case of the municipal office of  
247 state representative, or the municipality or political subdivision within  
248 which the candidate is to run for nomination for other municipal offices  
249 to be voted on at a state election. Such certificate shall be attested by



250 either the chairperson or presiding officer or the secretary of the town  
251 committee, caucus or convention which made such endorsement. The  
252 endorsement of any candidate for the office of justice of the peace shall  
253 be certified to the clerk of the municipality by either the chairperson or  
254 presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee, caucus or  
255 convention, and shall contain the name and street address of each  
256 candidate so endorsed and the title of the office for which each such  
257 candidate is endorsed. Such certification shall be made on a form  
258 prescribed by the Secretary of the State or on such other form as may  
259 comply with the provisions of this subsection.

260     (2) (A) In the case of a timely filed certificate of a party's endorsement  
261 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, which contains an error  
262 or omission that would operate to invalidate such endorsement, the  
263 candidate so certified or an individual authorized to act on behalf of  
264 such candidate may correct such error or omission by appearing in  
265 person at the office of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock  
266 p.m. on the nineteenth day after the close of the town committee  
267 meeting, caucus or convention, as applicable, and amending such  
268 certificate to make such correction. If such candidate or individual does  
269 not appear to so amend such certificate by such time, such certificate  
270 shall be invalid and such party, for the purposes of sections 9-417 and 9-  
271 418, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified such  
272 endorsement.

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

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

282 (a) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office  
283 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon  
284 the last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality  
285 within the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent  
286 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-  
287 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a  
288 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed  
289 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,  
290 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two  
291 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, in accordance  
292 with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive. Candidacies  
293 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed by  
294 submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock p.m.  
295 on the fourteenth day following the close of the state convention, a  
296 certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the  
297 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that  
298 such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that  
299 such candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for  
300 such state office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as  
301 the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full  
302 residence address and the title of the office for which the candidacy is  
303 being filed. If such certificate for a state office is not received by the  
304 Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and  
305 such person, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be  
306 deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy for nomination  
307 by a political party [for] to such state office. A single such certificate or  
308 petition for state office may be filed on behalf of two or more candidates  
309 for different state offices who consent to have their names appear on a  
310 single row of the primary ballot under subsection (b) of section 9-437.  
311 Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed  
312 by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-  
313 third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar  
314 of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were  
315 circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the  
316 Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c.

317 A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for state office shall be  
318 invalid for such candidate if such candidate is certified as the party-  
319 endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act,  
320 or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such  
321 office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a,  
322 upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and  
323 circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or  
324 more candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the  
325 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town  
326 clerks and registrars of voters in accordance with the provisions of  
327 section 9-433, that a primary for such state office shall be held in each  
328 municipality in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

329 (b) A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district office  
330 may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon  
331 the last-completed enrollment list of such party within the district the  
332 person seeks to represent that is in the office of the Secretary of the State  
333 at the end of the last day prior to the convention for the party from  
334 which the person seeks nomination and who has either (1) received at  
335 least fifteen per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and  
336 voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed  
337 endorsement of a candidate for such district office, whether or not the  
338 party-endorsed candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on  
339 the last ballot, or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of  
340 at least two per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district  
341 for the district office of representative in Congress, and at least five per  
342 cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district for the district  
343 offices of state senator, state representative and judge of probate, in  
344 accordance with the provisions of sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive.  
345 Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be filed  
346 by submitting to the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock  
347 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the district convention,  
348 a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested by either (A) the  
349 chairman or presiding officer, or (B) the secretary of the convention, that  
350 such candidate received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that

the candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for such district office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, the candidate's full residence address and the title and district of the office for which the candidacy is being filed. If such certificate for a district office is not received by the Secretary of the State by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such person, for the purposes of sections 9-416 and 9-416a, shall be deemed to have made no valid certification of candidacy for nomination by a political party [for] to such district office. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on the sixty-third day preceding the day of the primary for such office to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404c. A petition may only be filed by or on behalf of a candidate for the district office of state senator, state representative or judge of probate who is not certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act, or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. A petition filed by or on behalf of a candidate for the district office of representative in Congress shall be invalid if said candidate is certified as the party-endorsed candidate pursuant to section 9-388, as amended by this act, or as receiving at least fifteen per cent of the convention vote for such office pursuant to this subsection. Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the time period for party endorsement and circulation and tabulation of petitions and signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for such district office have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all town clerks within the district, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for such district office shall be held in each municipality and each part of a municipality within the district in accordance with the provisions of section 9-415.

(c) (1) In the case of a timely filed certificate of candidacy for

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

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

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

416 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies in  
417 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office

418 facilities of the registrars of voters shall open not later than one o'clock  
419 p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and such  
420 registrars or the deputy or assistant registrars shall be present.

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

423       (a) All minor parties nominating candidates for any elective office  
424 shall make such nominations and certify and file a list of such  
425 nominations, as required by this section, not later than the sixty-second  
426 day prior to the day of the election at which such candidates are to be  
427 voted for. A list of nominees in printed or typewritten form that includes  
428 each candidate's name as authorized by each candidate to appear on the  
429 ballot, the signature of each candidate, the full street address of each  
430 candidate and the title and district of the office for which each candidate  
431 is nominated shall be certified by the presiding officer of the committee,  
432 meeting or other authority making such nomination and shall be filed  
433 by such presiding officer with the Secretary of the State, in the case of  
434 any state, district or municipal office to be voted upon at a state election,  
435 or with the clerk of the municipality, in the case of any municipal office  
436 to be voted upon at a municipal election, not later than the sixty-second  
437 day prior to the day of the election. The registrars of voters of such  
438 municipality shall promptly verify and correct the names on any such  
439 list filed with him, or the names of nominees forwarded to the clerk of  
440 the municipality by the Secretary of the State, in accordance with the  
441 registry list of such municipality and endorse the same as having been  
442 so verified and corrected. For purposes of this section, a list of  
443 nominations shall be deemed to be filed when it is received by the  
444 Secretary of the State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate. If such  
445 certificate of a party's nomination is not received by the Secretary of the  
446 State or clerk of the municipality, as appropriate, by such time, such  
447 certificate shall be invalid and such party, for purposes of sections 9-460,  
448 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any  
449 nomination of any candidate for such office. A candidacy for  
450 nomination by a minor party to a district or municipal office may be  
451 filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the last-completed

452 registry list of the district or municipality represented by such office, as  
453 the case may be. A candidacy for nomination by a minor party to a state  
454 office may be filed on behalf of any person whose name appears on the  
455 last-completed registry list of the state.

456 (b) (1) In the case of a timely filed certificate of nomination for any  
457 state, district or municipal office to be voted upon at a state election  
458 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, which contains an error or  
459 omission that would operate to invalidate such nomination, the  
460 candidate so certified or an individual authorized to act on behalf of  
461 such candidate may correct such error or omission by appearing in  
462 person at the office of the Secretary of the State not later than four o'clock  
463 p.m. on the fifty-seventh day prior to the day of the election and  
464 amending such certificate to make such correction, provided neither  
465 failure of the presiding officer of the committee, meeting or other  
466 authority to timely file such certificate pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
467 section nor failure of the candidate to sign such certificate shall be an  
468 error or omission that may be corrected pursuant to this subsection. If  
469 such candidate or individual does not appear to so amend such  
470 certificate by such time, such certificate shall be invalid and such party,  
471 for the purposes of sections 9-460, 9-461 and 9-462, shall be deemed to  
472 have neither made nor certified any such nomination.

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

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

483 (d) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled

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

517 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 9-410 of the general statutes is



518 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
519 *passage*):

520 (c) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled  
521 party member of a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote. Each  
522 petition page shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the  
523 municipality in which such circulator is an enrolled party member  
524 attesting that the circulator is an enrolled party member in such  
525 municipality. Unless such a statement by the registrar appears on each  
526 page so submitted, the registrar shall reject such page. No candidate for  
527 the nomination of a party for a municipal office or the position of town  
528 committee member shall circulate any petition for another candidate or  
529 another group of candidates contained in one primary petition for the  
530 nomination of such party for the same office or position, and any  
531 petition page circulated in violation of this provision shall be rejected by  
532 the registrar. No person shall circulate petitions for more than the  
533 maximum number of candidates to be nominated by a party for the  
534 same office or position, and any petition page circulated in violation of  
535 this provision shall be rejected by the registrar. Each separate sheet of  
536 such petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the  
537 signatures thereon and the number of such signatures, and shall be  
538 signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who  
539 circulated the same, setting forth such circulator's address and the town  
540 in which such circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that  
541 each person whose name appears on such sheet signed the same in  
542 person in the presence of such circulator, that the circulator either knows  
543 each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified the signer to  
544 the circulator and that the spaces for candidates supported, offices or  
545 positions sought and the political party involved were filled in prior to  
546 the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate sheet of such petition shall  
547 also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as provided in  
548 section 1-29. Any sheet of a petition filed with the registrar which does  
549 not contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of  
550 the signatures thereon, or upon which the statement of the circulator is  
551 incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification

552 hereinbefore required by the registrar of the town in which the  
553 circulator is an enrolled party member, shall be rejected by the registrar.  
554 No person who has been convicted of a crime under this title shall  
555 circulate any page of a primary petition during such person's period of  
556 probation or parole, and for a period of twelve years after such person's  
557 release from confinement, probation or parole, and the registrar shall  
558 reject for filing any such page that was circulated in violation of such  
559 prohibition. Any individual proposed as a candidate in any primary  
560 petition may serve as a circulator of the pages of such petition, provided  
561 such individual's service as circulator does not violate any provision of  
562 this section.

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

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

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

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

580       Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or the  
581 Secretary of the State and filed with the Secretary of the State under the  
582 provisions of sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216 shall  
583 contain a statement as to the residency in this state and eligibility of the

584 circulator and authenticity of the signatures thereon, signed under  
585 penalties of false statement, by the person who circulated the same. Such  
586 statement shall set forth (1) such circulator's residence address,  
587 including the town in this state in which such circulator is a resident, (2)  
588 the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at least eighteen  
589 years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States citizen and [not]  
590 neither (A) on parole for conviction of a felony, nor (B) on probation or  
591 parole for conviction of a crime under this title or within twelve years of  
592 release from confinement, probation or parole due to such a conviction  
593 under this subparagraph, and (4) that each person whose name appears  
594 on such page signed the same in person in the presence of such  
595 circulator and that either the circulator knows each such signer or that  
596 the signer satisfactorily identified himself to the circulator. Any false  
597 statement committed with respect to such statement shall be deemed to  
598 have been committed in the town in which the petition was circulated.

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

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

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

614 (2) Any person who distributes absentee ballot applications shall  
615 maintain a list of the names and addresses of prospective absentee ballot

616 applicants who receive such applications, and shall file such list with  
617 the town clerk prior to the date of the primary, election or referendum  
618 for which the applications were so distributed. Any person who  
619 distributes absentee ballot applications and receives an executed  
620 application shall forthwith file the application with the town clerk.

621       Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There is established, within  
622 the office of the Secretary of the State, a Translation Advisory  
623 Committee for the purposes of (1) validating the translations of election-  
624 related materials for accuracy and ensuring that such translations meet  
625 the needs of the intended audience in a culturally responsive and  
626 linguistically appropriate way, and (2) making recommendations to the  
627 Secretary of the State and municipal officials on related matters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

645       (d) The Translation Advisory Committee shall meet as frequently as

646 necessary to timely approve election-related materials translations prior  
647 to elections, primaries and referenda, but not less than quarterly each  
648 year. Committee members shall serve without compensation and shall  
649 not be eligible for mileage reimbursement. Not later than January 15,  
650 2027, and biennially thereafter, the committee shall submit to the  
651 Secretary of the State a report on the committee's proceedings, including  
652 any recommendations for improvements in performing the committee's  
653 duties under this section.

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

657 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2026*) Each municipality that,  
658 pursuant to federal or state law, is required to make election-related  
659 materials available in a language other than English shall use  
660 professional translators when translating election-related materials  
661 from English into such other language. As soon as practicable, but in no  
662 case later than sixty-five days prior to each election, primary or  
663 referendum, such municipality shall submit its translated election-  
664 related materials to the Translation Advisory Committee established  
665 under section 14 of this act for review of such translations. As used in  
666 this section, "professional translator" means a person who has attained  
667 (1) an academic certificate or degree in translation from an accredited  
668 institution of higher education, or (2) certification as a translator by a  
669 professional association or other accrediting organization.

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

672 (a) Ballots shall be printed in plain clear type and on material of such  
673 size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be furnished by the registrar of  
674 voters. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a political  
675 party on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type  
676 used to print the names of all other political parties appearing on such  
677 ballot. The name of each major party candidate for a municipal office, as

678 defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of state senator  
679 and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each  
680 candidate. The name of each major party candidate for a state or district  
681 office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of state  
682 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on  
683 the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, as  
684 amended by this act, subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400, as  
685 amended by this act, or 9-409. The name of each minor party candidate  
686 shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each candidate. The name of  
687 each nominating petition candidate shall appear on the ballot as it is  
688 verified by the town clerk on the application filed under section 9-453b.  
689 The size and style of the type used to print the name of a candidate on a  
690 ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type used to print  
691 the names of all other candidates appearing on such ballot. Such ballot  
692 shall contain the names of the offices and the names of the candidates  
693 arranged thereon. The names of the political parties and party  
694 designations shall be arranged on the ballots and followed by the word  
695 "party", either in columns or horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-  
696 249a, immediately adjacent to the column or row occupied by the  
697 candidate or candidates of such political party or organization. The  
698 ballot shall be printed in such manner as to indicate how many  
699 candidates the elector may vote for each office, provided in the case of a  
700 town adopting the provisions of section 9-204a, such ballot shall indicate  
701 the maximum number of candidates who may be elected to such office  
702 from any party. If two or more candidates are to be elected to the same  
703 office for different terms, the term for which each is nominated shall be  
704 printed on the official ballot as a part of the title of the office. If, at any  
705 election, one candidate is to be elected for a full term and another to fill  
706 a vacancy, the official ballot containing the names of the candidates in  
707 the foregoing order shall, as a part of the title of the office, designate the  
708 term which such candidates are severally nominated to fill. No column,  
709 under the name of any political party or independent organization, shall  
710 be printed on any official ballot, which contains more candidates for any  
711 office than the number for which an elector may vote for that office.

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

718     Sec. 17. Subsection (j) of section 9-437 of the general statutes is  
719     repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
720     *1, 2026*):

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

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

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

744 word "Sample";

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

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

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

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

758       Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 9-135a of the general statutes is  
759 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
760 *1, 2026*):

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

773       Sec. 19. Section 9-135b of the general statutes is repealed and the



774 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

775 (a) Immediately after the deadline for certification of all candidates  
776 whose names are to appear on the ballot, and in sufficient time to begin  
777 issuing absentee ballots on the day prescribed by law, the municipal  
778 clerk shall prepare the absentee ballots and have them printed. Prior to  
779 printing such ballots, the registrars of voters of the municipality may  
780 provide comments concerning the content and form of such ballots to  
781 the clerk, provided no such ballot shall be printed unless the Secretary  
782 of the State has approved of such ballot in accordance with section 9-  
783 135a, as amended by this act.

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

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

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

806 manner that such name is no longer visible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

872 Any such municipality shall provide for such election monitor any office  
873 space, supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out  
874 the duties and responsibilities of the position. As used in this section,  
875 "population" means the estimated number of people according to the  
876 most recent version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant  
877 to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

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

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

904 Sec. 23. Section 9-50d of the general statutes is repealed and the

905 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

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

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

924 (3) The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance  
925 with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning the permissible uses of  
926 voter registration information.

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

931 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a voter  
932 submits to the Secretary of the State a signed statement that  
933 nondisclosure of such voter's name from the official registry list is  
934 necessary for the safety of such voter or the voter's family, the name and  
935 address of such voter on his or her voter registration record shall be  
936 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except that an election, primary

937 or referendum official may view such information on the official registry  
938 list when such list is used by any such official at a polling place on the  
939 day of an election, primary or referendum. Such signed statement shall  
940 be sworn under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-  
941 157b.

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

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

959 (b) During any municipal, state or federal election, primary or  
960 recanvass, or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f, the  
961 Secretary of the State may issue an order, whether orally or in writing,  
962 to any registrar of voters or moderator to correct any irregularity or  
963 impropriety in the conduct of such election, primary or recanvass or  
964 audit. Any such order shall be effective upon issuance. As soon as  
965 practicable after issuance of an oral order pursuant to this subsection,  
966 the Secretary shall reduce such order to writing, cite within such order  
967 any applicable provision of law authorizing such order and cause a copy  
968 of such written order to be delivered to the individual who is the subject  
969 of such order or, in the case that such order was originally issued in

970 writing, issue a subsequent written order that conforms to such  
 971 requirements. The Superior Court, on application of the Secretary or the  
 972 Attorney General, may enforce by appropriate decree or process any  
 973 such order issued pursuant to this subsection.

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

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*