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AN ACT EXCLUDING APRIL 20, 2025, FROM THE PERIOD OF EARLY VOTING PRIOR TO THE DAY OF A SPECIAL ELECTION AND SUSPENDING THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT SPENDING CAP.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-163aa of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (3) (A) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a special
5 election, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
6 period of early voting at each special election held on or after April 1,
7 2024.

8 (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, any
9 eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a presidential preference
10 primary, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
11 period of early voting at each presidential preference primary held on

12 or after April 1, 2024.

13 (C) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this
 14 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,
 15 commence on the fifth day prior to and conclude on the second day
 16 prior to such special election or such presidential preference primary,
 17 except that such commencing and concluding days shall be adjusted to
 18 exclude from such period [March 31, 2024] April 20, 2025, and any legal
 19 holiday designated, appointed or recommended under section 1-4, and
 20 (ii) consist of four total days between and inclusive of such
 21 commencement and conclusion, as may be adjusted pursuant to
 22 subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision, and at such times as provided
 23 in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 9-174.

24 Sec. 2. Section 4-66l of the general statutes is repealed and the
 25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

26 (a) For the purposes of this section:

27 (1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during
 28 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

29 (2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a
 30 municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;

31 (3) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and city
 32 or consolidated town and borough;

33 (4) "Municipal spending" means:

T1	Municipal	Municipal
T2	spending for	spending for
T3	the fiscal year	the fiscal year
T4	prior to the	two years
T5	current fiscal	prior to the
T6	year	current year

T7		X 100 = Municipal spending;
T8	Municipal spending for the fiscal	
T9	year two years prior to the	
T10	current year	

34 "Municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
35 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
36 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
37 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
38 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
39 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or (e) of this section,
40 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
41 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities.

42 (5) "Per capita distribution" means:

T11	Municipal population		
T12	<u> </u>	X Sales tax revenue	= Per capita distribution;
T13	Total state population		

43 (6) "Pro rata distribution" means:

T14	Municipal weighted
T15	mill rate
T16	calculation
T17	<hr/>
T18	Sum of all municipal
T19	weighted mill rate
T20	calculations combined

X Sales tax revenue = Pro rata distribution;

44 (7) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
45 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

46 (8) "Municipal population" means the number of persons in a

47 municipality according to the most recent estimate of the Department of
48 Public Health;

49 (9) "Total state population" means the number of persons in this state
50 according to the most recent estimate published by the Department of
51 Public Health;

52 (10) "Weighted mill rate" means a municipality's FY 15 mill rate
53 divided by the average of all municipalities' FY 15 mill rate;

54 (11) "Weighted mill rate calculation" means per capita distribution
55 multiplied by a municipality's weighted mill rate;

56 (12) "Sales tax revenue" means the moneys in the account remaining
57 for distribution pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this
58 section;

59 (13) "District" means any district, as defined in section 7-324; [and]

60 (14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
61 Management;

62 (15) "Adopted budget expenditures" means any expenditure from a
63 municipality's general fund or any nonbudgeted funds; and

64 (16) "Capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure
65 of one hundred thousand dollars or more.

66 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal
67 revenue sharing account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
68 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
69 required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set
70 aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following
71 order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

72 (1) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
73 moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants payable to

74 municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be
75 expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;

76 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
77 moneys sufficient to make the grants payable pursuant to subsection (d)
78 of section 12-18b, subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-
79 18b, subsection (b) of section 12-19b and subsections (b) and (c) of
80 section 12-20b shall be expended by the secretary; and

81 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023,
82 moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually by the
83 secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing grants
84 established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. Any such moneys
85 deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing grants,
86 including moneys accrued to the account during each fiscal year but
87 received after the end of such fiscal year, shall be distributed to
88 municipalities not later than October first following the end of each
89 fiscal year. Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and
90 Management on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of
91 such grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an
92 application if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a
93 municipality to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement
94 approved by said office may be issued later than September thirtieth.

95 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, motor vehicle property
96 tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and
97 personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or
98 that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the
99 municipality, impose mill rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in
100 an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes
101 levied by the municipality and any district located within the
102 municipality on motor vehicles for the assessment year commencing
103 October 1, 2017, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
104 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was equal to the mill
105 rate imposed by such municipality and any district located within the

106 municipality on real property and personal property other than motor
107 vehicles.

108 (2) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax
109 grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any
110 district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
111 tax grant that is attributable to the district.

112 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year
113 thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants shall be made to:

114 (A) Municipalities that imposed mill rates greater than 32.46 mills on
115 real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for the
116 preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the difference between (i)
117 the amount of property taxes the municipality would have levied on
118 motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on
119 motor vehicles for such year was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of
120 property taxes the municipality would have levied on motor vehicles
121 for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles
122 for such year was equal to the mill rate imposed on real property and
123 personal property other than motor vehicles for such year; and

124 (B) Districts that imposed mill rates that, when combined with the
125 mill rate of the municipality in which the district is located, were greater
126 than 32.46 mills on real property and personal property other than
127 motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the
128 difference between (i) the amount of property taxes the district would
129 have levied on motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill
130 rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year, when combined with the
131 mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year by the municipality
132 in which the district is located, was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of
133 property taxes the district would have levied on motor vehicles for the
134 preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such
135 year, when combined with the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for
136 such year by the municipality in which the district is located, was equal

137 to the mill rate imposed by the district on real property and personal
138 property other than motor vehicles for such year.

139 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year
140 thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing
141 grant as follows:

142 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall
143 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is
144 higher for such municipality.

145 (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as
146 follows:

T21	Sum of per capita distribution amount
T22	for all municipalities having a mill rate
T23	below twenty-five – pro rata distribution
T24	amount for all municipalities
T25	having a mill rate below twenty-five

T26	<hr/>
T27	Sum of all grants to municipalities
T28	calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
T29	of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

147 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
148 this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the
149 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
150 subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the
151 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
152 subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the
153 municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this
154 subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the
155 equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess
156 funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford,
157 Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other

158 municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata
159 basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this
160 subdivision; and

161 (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive
162 the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for
163 such municipality.

164 (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate
165 for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles.

166 (e) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a municipality
167 may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds to a district
168 within such municipality.

169 (f) (1) Except as provided in [subdivision (2)] subdivisions (2) and (3)
170 of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal
171 year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any
172 year in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall be reduced if
173 such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such
174 fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget
175 expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or
176 more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall
177 be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the
178 cap set forth in this subsection. [For the purposes of this section, (A)
179 "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service,
180 special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards,
181 expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration
182 by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration
183 issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement
184 made to a district pursuant to subsection (c) or (e) of this section,
185 budgeting for an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital
186 expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted
187 budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's
188 general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C)

189 "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one
 190 hundred thousand dollars or more.] Each municipality shall annually
 191 certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by [said] the secretary,
 192 whether such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this
 193 subsection, and if so, the amount by which the cap was exceeded by
 194 such municipality, except that in any fiscal year for which the secretary
 195 publishes a list of payments made to municipalities by state agencies on
 196 the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and Management, such
 197 certification shall not be required.

198 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year
 199 thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
 200 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall not be reduced in
 201 the case of a municipality whose adopted budget expenditures exceed
 202 the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection by an amount
 203 proportionate to any increase to its municipal population from the
 204 previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.

205 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the amount of the grant
 206 payable to a municipality in accordance with subsection (d) of this
 207 section shall not be reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted
 208 budget expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this
 209 subsection.

210 (g) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2023,
 211 inclusive, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year
 212 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall be reduced
 213 proportionately [in the event that] if the total of such grants in such year
 214 exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue
 215 sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-163aa(a)(3)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	4-66l

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