STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Offered by:
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To: House Bill No. **7129**   File No. 366   Cal. No. 351

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS OF VOTING TABULATORS AND ACCESSORIES PURCHASED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE."

1   After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2   internal references accordingly:

3   "Sec. 501. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is amended by adding
4   subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

5   (NEW) (m) The Secretary of the State shall develop and provide to
6   the clerks and registrars of voters of each municipality a manual
7   regarding the custody and control of returned absentee ballots prior to
8   their counting on the day of a primary, election or referendum,
9   including the secure retention of such ballots after receipt under section
10   9-140b, the endorsement upon the outer envelope of the date and precise
11   time of receipt, the recording of the method of receipt, the sorting into
12   voting districts, the checking of names against the official checklist to be
13   used at such primary, election or referendum and the delivery of such
14   absentee ballots on the day of such primary, election or referendum, to

15   ensure uniformity in the handling of returned absentee ballots prior to
16   such counting on such day.

17   Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is
18   repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
19   *passage*):

20   The absentee ballot counters shall proceed to the central counting
21   location or to the respective polling places when counting is to take
22   place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a at the times designated
23   by the registrars of voters. The counting of absentee ballots shall not
24   occur, and the registrars of voters shall not designate any such time that
25   is, prior to the day of the election, primary or referendum for which such
26   absentee ballots were cast.

27   Sec. 503. Subsection (d) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is
28   repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
29   *passage*):

30   (d) (1) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
31   required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
32   the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced
33   in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the
34   reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters. The registrars of
35   voters shall use best efforts to notify each absentee ballot applicant
36   whose ballot was marked "Rejected" under this subdivision for the
37   purpose of advising that (A) such applicant's ballot has been rejected,
38   and (B) such applicant may still be able to vote in person on the day of
39   the election, primary or referendum.

40   (2) If such statement is signed but the individual completing the
41   ballot is an individual described in subsection (a) of section 9-23r and
42   has not met the requirements of subsection (e) of section 9-23r, the
43   counters shall replace the ballot in the opened inner envelope, replace
44   the inner envelope in the opened outer envelope and mark "Rejected as
45   an Absentee Ballot" and endorse the reason for such rejection on the

46 outer envelope, and the ballot shall be treated as a provisional ballot for
47 federal offices only, pursuant to sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive. The
48 registrars of voters shall use best efforts to notify each absentee ballot
49 applicant whose ballot was marked "Rejected as an Absentee Ballot"
50 under this subdivision for the purpose of advising that (A) such
51 applicant's ballot has been rejected, and (B) such applicant may still be
52 able to vote in person on the day of the election, primary or referendum,
53 provided such applicant meets the requirements of subsection (d) of
54 section 9-23r."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	*from passage*	9-140c(m)
Sec. 502	*from passage*	9-150a(a)
Sec. 503	*from passage*	9-150a(d)