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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7150**

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Cal. No. 454

"AN ACT CONCERNING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE."

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- 1 In line 5, after "act", insert "or section 4 of this act"
- 2 In line 21, strike "May" and insert in lieu thereof "October"
- 3 In line 37, before the period, insert ", unless the justice of the peace's
- 4 employer is found liable pursuant to subsection (c) of this section"
- 5 In line 85, after "select", insert ", pursuant to subsection (d) of section
- 6 9-184c of the general statutes, as amended by this act,"
- 7 In line 86, after "peace", insert", except as provided in subparagraph
- 8 (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection,"
- 9 Strike section 5 and insert in lieu thereof the following:
- 10 "Sec. 5. Section 9-184c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

12 (a) In 1994, 1996, and quadrennially thereafter, the town clerk of each
13 town shall appoint as justice of the peace a number of electors of the
14 town who are not members of major parties, as defined in section 9-372,
15 which shall not exceed (1) where no justices of the peace are selected
16 under section 9-183c, one-third of the total number of justices of the
17 peace in the town, or (2) where justices of the peace are selected under
18 section 9-183c, one-third of the total number of justices of the peace in
19 the town less the number of justices of the peace in the town selected
20 under section 9-183c. Such percentage shall be rounded up to the nearest
21 whole number of justices of the peace. Any such appointment shall be
22 made upon written application submitted on or after August first and
23 on or before November first, in such year. No person who has
24 enrollment privileges in the town in a political party [which] that
25 selected justices of the peace under section 9-183b or [under] section 9-
26 183c within the period beginning three months before said August first
27 and ending on the date the person is to be appointed under this [section]
28 subsection, shall be eligible for such appointment. Not later than August
29 1, 1996, and quadrennially thereafter, the town clerk shall send a written
30 notice to each incumbent justice of the peace appointed under this
31 section. Such notice shall inform such justices of the peace of the
32 procedures set forth in this section concerning the reappointment of
33 such justices of the peace.

34 (b) If, on November first in such year, the number of applications for
35 justice of the peace filed with the town clerk under subsection (a) of this
36 section exceeds the number of justices of the peace allowed under this
37 section, (1) each such applicant who is an incumbent justice of the peace
38 appointed under this section shall be reappointed if there are sufficient
39 openings, and (2) the town clerk shall, on or before the fifteenth business
40 day of November, select the remaining applicants to be appointed as
41 justices of the peace by lot in a ceremony which shall be open to the
42 public and held on five days' public notice. At such lottery, the town
43 clerk shall determine the order of all such remaining applications for the
44 purpose of filling future vacancies under subsection (d) of this section.
45 If [a] the town clerk receives a number of applications under subsection

46 (a) of this section that is less than the number of justices of the peace that
47 [he] the town clerk is authorized to appoint under this section in any
48 year, [he shall not] the town clerk may only appoint [any] additional
49 justices of the peace to fill vacancies in the office of a justice of the peace
50 in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of this
51 section.

52 (c) Justices of the peace appointed in 1994 [,] shall serve a term of two
53 years beginning on the first Monday in 1995, and justices of the peace
54 appointed in 1996 and thereafter shall serve a term of four years
55 beginning on the first Monday in January in the succeeding year.

56 (d) Any vacancy in the office of any such justice of the peace shall be
57 filled by appointment by the town clerk of an elector qualifying under
58 subsection (a) of this section in the order determined in the lottery held
59 under [said] subsection (b) of this section. If no such lottery is held [,] or
60 if the town clerk receives a number of applications that is less than the
61 number of justices of the peace that the town clerk is authorized to
62 appoint under this section, such that the number of vacancies exceeds
63 the number of remaining applicants determined in the lottery held
64 under subsection (b) of this section, the vacancy shall [not] be filled
65 pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

66 (e) If no such lottery is held or if the number of vacancies exceeds the
67 number of remaining applicants determined in the lottery held under
68 subsection (b) of this section, the town clerk shall issue a public notice
69 of the number of such vacancies and the procedure for appointing new
70 justices of the peace under this subsection. Any such appointment shall
71 be made upon written application submitted not later than thirty days
72 following such public notice. No person who has enrollment privileges
73 in the town in a political party that selected justices of the peace under
74 section 9-183b or 9-183c within the period beginning three months
75 before the public notice under this subsection and ending on the date
76 the person is to be appointed under this subsection shall be eligible for
77 such appointment. If the number of applications for justice of the peace
78 filed with the town clerk under this subsection exceeds the number of

79 vacancies specified in the public notice, the town clerk shall, not earlier
80 than ten and not later than fifteen days following the close of the period
81 for submission of such applications, select the remaining applicants to
82 be appointed as justices of the peace by lottery in a ceremony that shall
83 be open to the public and held not earlier than five days after the giving
84 of public notice by the town clerk. At such lottery, the town clerk shall
85 determine the order of all such remaining applications for the purpose
86 of filling future vacancies under subsection (d) of this section. If a town
87 clerk receives a number of applications under this subsection that is less
88 than the number of justices of the peace that the town clerk is authorized
89 to appoint under this section in any year, the town clerk shall not
90 appoint any additional justices of the peace."

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

Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	9-184c
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