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***"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REFORMS TO THE
ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE."***

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 9-163aa of the general statutes is
4 amended by adding subdivision (5) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

5 (NEW) (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4),
6 inclusive, of this subsection, the registrars of voters of each municipality
7 shall designate as many locations for the conduct of early voting as
8 necessary to reasonably ensure that during the period of early voting
9 the time an elector spends in line to vote at any such location will likely
10 not exceed thirty minutes, but in no case shall such registrars designate
11 fewer than one such location.

12 Sec. 502. Section 9-168 of the general statutes is repealed and the
13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

14 In any town not divided into voting districts, [the place of holding
15 elections may be determined by] the legislative body of such town shall
16 designate as many places for holding elections as necessary to
17 reasonably ensure that the time an elector spends in line to vote at any
18 such place will likely not exceed thirty minutes, but in no case shall such
19 legislative body designate fewer than one such place. In towns divided
20 into voting districts the place of holding elections shall be determined
21 as provided in section 9-169 [or any special act, whichever applies]
22 notwithstanding the provisions of any special act. Except as provided in
23 section 9-169a, state elections shall be held at the usual place or places
24 of holding elections in the town or the voting districts thereof, as the
25 case may be, unless the registrars of voters, in writing, have designated
26 to the clerk of such town, at least thirty-one days before any such state
27 election, a different place or places for holding such election. [Unless
28 otherwise provided by special act, the place of holding city or borough
29 elections shall be determined by the] Notwithstanding any provision of
30 any special act, in any city or borough, the legislative body of such city
31 or borough shall designate as many places for holding elections as
32 necessary to reasonably ensure that the time an elector spends in line to
33 vote at any such place will likely not exceed thirty minutes, but in no
34 case shall such legislative body designate fewer than one such place.
35 Any provision of any charter or special act to the contrary
36 notwithstanding, the place or places of holding an election shall be
37 determined at least thirty-one days prior to such election, and such place
38 or places shall not be changed within the period of thirty-one days prior
39 to such election except that, if the municipal clerk and registrars of
40 voters of a municipality unanimously find that any such polling place
41 within such municipality has been rendered unusable within such
42 period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place to be used
43 in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice
44 that such polling place has been so changed.

45 Sec. 503. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

47 The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or
48 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,
49 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters
50 of any municipality taking such action shall [provide a suitable polling
51 place in each district but, if] designate in each voting district as many
52 polling places as necessary to reasonably ensure that the time an elector
53 spends in line to vote at any such polling place will likely not exceed
54 thirty minutes, but in no case shall such registrars designate in each
55 district fewer than one such polling place, except that, if the registrars
56 fail to agree as to the location of any polling place or places, the
57 legislative body shall determine the location thereof. Polling places to
58 be used in an election shall be determined at least thirty-one days before
59 such election, and such polling places shall not be changed within said
60 period of thirty-one days except that, if the municipal clerk and
61 registrars of voters of a municipality unanimously find that any such
62 polling place within such municipality has been rendered unusable
63 within such period, they shall forthwith designate another polling place
64 to be used in place of the one so rendered unusable and shall give
65 adequate notice that such polling place has been so changed. The
66 registrars of voters shall keep separate lists of the electors residing in
67 each district and shall appoint for each district a moderator in
68 accordance with the provisions of section 9-229 and such other election
69 officials as are required by law, and shall designate one of the
70 moderators so appointed or any other elector of such town to be the
71 head moderator for the purpose of declaring the results of elections in
72 the whole municipality. The registrars may also designate a deputy
73 head moderator to assist the head moderator in the performance of his
74 duties provided the deputy head moderator and the head moderator
75 shall not be enrolled in the same major party, as defined in subdivision
76 (5) of section 9-372. The selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and
77 all other officers of the municipality shall perform the duties required of
78 them by law with respect to elections in each voting district established
79 in accordance with this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn
80 by a municipality so as to conflict with the lines of congressional
81 districts, senate districts or assembly districts as established by law,

82 except (1) as provided in section 9-169d₂ and (2) that as to municipal
83 elections, any part of a split voting district containing less than two
84 hundred electors may be combined with another voting district adjacent
85 thereto from which all and the same officers are elected at such
86 municipal election. Any change in the boundaries of voting districts
87 made within ninety days prior to any election or primary shall not apply
88 with respect to such election or primary. The provisions of this section
89 shall prevail over any contrary provision of any charter or special act."

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

Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-163aa(b)(5)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-168
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-169