

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS AND SECURITY.***

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*). There shall be created a cyber security position within the Office of the Secretary of the State to perform or assist in performing any technical review, testing or research associated with the use of voting systems and the development of any other standards necessary to protect the integrity of voting process.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective upon passage*). (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the Connecticut driver's license number, the Connecticut identification card number, the social security number, and any other unique identifier used by the State of Connecticut for purposes of voter registration shown on the application for voter registration of a registered voter, or added to voter registration records to comply with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 20901 et seq.), are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person.

Sec. 3. (NEW)(*Effective from passage*). (a) Upon receipt of a statement signed by the voter that withholding the voter's name from the official registry list is required for the safety of the voter or the voter's family, the name and address of such voter shall be withheld from such registry list when such list is used for any purpose other than at the polling place on election day.

(b) When information regarding voter registration is provided to any member of the general public, only the year of birth of such voter shall be disclosed unless such information is being used for a governmental purpose as determined by the Secretary of the State, including jury administration where the full date of birth shall be disclosed.

Sec. 4 (NEW)(*Effective from passage*). (a) Each municipality shall have two memory cards programmed for each voting tabulator to be used at any regular or special election or primary.

(b) Once the registrars of voters have completed the necessary pre-election testing of the voting tabulators as required by state statute and regulation, the registrars shall submit one of the memory cards so tested and prepared for the election or primary to the University of Connecticut for security analysis.

(c) The memory card of any voting tabulator selected for post-election audit pursuant to section 9-320f of the general statutes shall be submitted to the University of Connecticut after the conclusion of the post-election audit and expiration of the required period for locking of the voting tabulators as pursuant to sections 9-266 and 9-310 of the general statutes.

Sec. 5. Section 9-238 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*). (*Effective from passage*).

(a) Except as provided in section 9-272, voting tabulators shall be used at all elections held in any municipality, or in any part thereof, for voting and registering and counting votes cast at such elections for officers, and upon all questions or amendments submitted at such elections. The board of selectmen of each town, the common council of each city and the warden and burgesses of each

borough shall purchase or lease, or otherwise provide, for use at elections in each such municipality a number of voting tabulators approved by the Secretary of the State. Different voting tabulators may be provided for different voting districts in the same municipality. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, the registrars of voters of a municipality [may determine the number of voting tabulators that shall be provided for use] shall prepare and use at least one voting tabulator for each voting district to be used at any [special] election, primary or referendum in such municipality[, provided the registrars shall provide at least one voting tabulator in the municipality or, in a municipality divided into voting districts, at least one voting tabulator in each such district.]

(b) Upon the purchase or lease of a voting tabulator for use in any municipality, the officials of such municipality purchasing or leasing the same shall forthwith send notification in writing to the Secretary of the State of the name or make of such tabulator, the name of the person who manufactured the same, the name of the person from whom it was purchased or leased and the date on which it was purchased or leased. No voting tabulator shall be used in an election which, in the opinion of the Secretary of the State, does not conform to the requirements of law, is unsuitable for use in such election or does not comply with the voluntary performance and test standards for voting systems adopted by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, 43 USC 15481. When in any municipality the use of a voting tabulator at elections is discontinued because of its age or condition or because it is sold, or for any other reason, such officials shall send written notification to the Secretary of the discontinuance of such tabulator, of the time of and reason for such discontinuance and of the information required in connection with notification of original purchasing or leasing.

Sec. 6. Section 9-404b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage). (*Effective from passage*).

(a) The petition form for candidacies for nomination to state or district office shall be prescribed and provided by the Secretary of the State, and signatures shall be obtained only on such form or on duplicate petition pages produced in accordance with the provisions of section 9-404a. Such form shall include, at the top of the form and in bold print, the following:

**WARNING**

**IT IS A CRIME TO SIGN THIS PETITION**

**IN THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON**

**WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO**

**AND YOU MAY NOT SIGN THIS PETITION**

**IF YOU ARE NOT AN ELECTOR.**

The form shall include a statement of instructions to persons using the form and shall indicate the date and time by which it shall be filed and the person with whom it shall be filed. The form shall

provide spaces for the names and addresses of the candidates, the offices to which nomination is sought and the political party holding the primary, and shall provide lines for the signatures, street addresses, dates of birth and the printing of the names of enrolled party members supporting the person or persons on behalf of whose candidacy the petition is used. The form shall indicate that the use of date of birth shall be optional.

(b) Only as many candidates may be proposed in any one primary petition for the same office as are to be nominated by such party for such office, but any one primary petition may propose as many candidates for different state offices as there are nominations to be made.

(c) The names of enrolled party members signing a primary petition may be on several pages, provided no person shall sign more than one petition page for the same candidate or candidates. Any person who signs a name other than the person's own to a primary petition filed under the provisions of this section or who signs a name other than the person's own as circulator of such petition shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Each such page shall indicate the candidate or candidates supported, the offices sought and the political party for which nomination is being sought. No page of such a petition shall contain the names of enrolled party members residing in different municipalities and any petition page that has been certified by the registrars of two or more municipalities shall be rejected by the Secretary. Withdrawal of petition signatures shall not be permitted.

(d) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled party member of a municipality in this state. Each petition page shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the municipality in which the circulator is an enrolled party member attesting that the circulator is an enrolled party member in the municipality. Unless such a statement by the registrar of voters appears on each page so submitted, the Secretary shall reject the page. Each separate page of the petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the signatures on the page and the number of such signatures, and shall be signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who circulated the page, setting forth the circulator's address and the town in which the circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that each person whose name appears on the page signed the petition in person in the presence of the circulator, that the circulator either knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified himself or herself to the circulator and that the spaces for candidates supported, offices sought and the political party involved were filled in prior to the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate page of the petition shall also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as provided in section 1-29. The Secretary shall reject any page of a petition filed with the Secretary which does not contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of the signatures on the page, or upon which the statement of the circulator is incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification required under this section by the registrar of the town in which the circulator is an enrolled party member. Any individual proposed as a candidate in any primary petition may serve as a circulator of the pages of the petition, provided the individual's service as circulator does not violate any provision of this section.

Sec. 7. Section 9-410 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage). (*Effective from passage*).

(a) The petition form for candidacies for nomination to municipal office or for election as members of town committees shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the State and provided by the registrar of the municipality in which the candidacy is to be filed or duplicate petition pages shall be produced in accordance with section 9-409, and signatures shall be obtained only on such forms or such duplicate petition pages. Such form shall include, at the top of the form and in bold print, the following:

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The form shall include thereon a statement of instructions to persons using the form and shall indicate the date and time by which it shall be filed and the person with whom it shall be filed. The form shall provide spaces for the names and addresses of the candidates, the offices to which nomination is sought or the positions to which election is sought and the political party holding the primary, and shall provide lines for the signatures, street addresses, dates of birth and the printing of the names of enrolled party members supporting the person or persons on behalf of whose candidacy the petition is used. Only as many candidates may be proposed in any one primary petition for the same office or position as are to be nominated or chosen by such party for such office or position; but any one primary petition may propose as many candidates for different offices or positions as there are nominations to be made or positions to be filled. The form shall indicate that the use of date of birth shall be optional.

(b) The names of enrolled party members signing a primary petition need not all be on one sheet but may be on several sheets, but no person shall sign more than one petition page for the same candidate or candidates. Any person who signs a name other than the person's own to a primary petition filed under the provisions of this section or who signs a name other than the person's own as circulator of such a petition shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or both. Each such sheet shall indicate the candidate or candidates supported, the offices or positions sought and the political party the nomination of which is sought or which is holding the primary for election of town committee members. No page of such a petition shall contain the names of enrolled party members residing in different municipalities and any page thereof which has been certified by the registrars of two or more municipalities shall be rejected by the registrar. Withdrawal of petition signatures shall not be permitted.

(c) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled party member of a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote. Each petition page shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the municipality in which such circulator is an enrolled party member attesting that the

circulator is an enrolled party member in such municipality. Unless such a statement by the registrar appears on each page so submitted, the registrar shall reject such page. No candidate for the nomination of a party for a municipal office or the position of town committee member shall circulate any petition for another candidate or another group of candidates contained in one primary petition for the nomination of such party for the same office or position, and any petition page circulated in violation of this provision shall be rejected by the registrar. No person shall circulate petitions for more than the maximum number of candidates to be nominated by a party for the same office or position, and any petition page circulated in violation of this provision shall be rejected by the registrar. Each separate sheet of such petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the signatures thereon and the number of such signatures, and shall be signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who circulated the same, setting forth such circulator's address and the town in which such circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that each person whose name appears on such sheet signed the same in person in the presence of such circulator, that the circulator either knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified the signer to the circulator and that the spaces for candidates supported, offices or positions sought and the political party involved were filled in prior to the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate sheet of such petition shall also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as provided in section 1-29. Any sheet of a petition filed with the registrar which does not contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of the signatures thereon, or upon which the statement of the circulator is incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification hereinbefore required by the registrar of the town in which the circulator is an enrolled party member, shall be rejected by the registrar. Any individual proposed as a candidate in any primary petition may serve as a circulator of the pages of such petition, provided such individual's service as circulator does not violate any provision of this section.