

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM FOR ELECTIONS

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(a) There is established a board that shall consist of twelve members who shall study the regionalization of election administration and the role of the registrars of voters in such regionalization. The board shall consist of the following:

(1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee; who shall be designated as chair of the board;

(2) Two members who are members of different political parties, of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections designated by the chairs of such committee in consultation with the ranking members of such committee;

(3) Two persons who are members of different political parties, appointed by the president of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut;

(4) Two persons who are members of different political parties, appointed by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, Inc.;

(5) One member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(6) One member who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(7) One member who shall be appointed by the Governor;

(8) One member who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(9) One member who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(10) One member who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the State and who shall be a member of the Connecticut Bar and who shall have expertise in Connecticut election law; and

(11) One member who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the State and shall be a representative of an organization promoting voter participation.

(b) All appointments to the Board shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. The chairs of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections in consultation with the ranking members shall select a chairperson from the membership of such board.

(c) The Board shall study the regionalization of election administration and the role of the registrars of voters in such regionalization; any municipal options that may exist with regard to such regionalization and develop best practices and efficiencies for the administration of elections.

(d) Not later than January 16, 2020, the Board shall submit a report containing the recommendations for regionalization of election administration adopted under subsection (c) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, the Governor and the Secretary of the State, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The board shall terminate on the date that it submits such recommendations.