

1 **State of Connecticut General Assembly**

2  
3 **February Session, 2022**

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6 ***Voting Access and Reenfranchisement Act***

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

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12 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

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14 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Correction;

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16 (2) "Correctional facility" means a correctional institution, community correctional  
17 center or other facility administered by the Commissioner of Correction; and

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19 (3) "Eligible person who is incarcerated" means a person committed to the custody of  
20 the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a correctional facility, except a person  
21 sentenced to a term of life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

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23 (4) "Admitting official" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-17a of the  
24 general statutes.

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26 (b) Not later than fourteen days after an eligible person is incarcerated in a correctional  
27 facility, either initially or by transfer from another correctional facility, the Commissioner  
28 of Correction shall provide to the person voter registration information and materials  
29 described in subsection (a) of section 9-19h of the general statutes, as amended by this  
30 act, and a mail voter registration application form described in section 9-23h of the  
31 general statutes. The commissioner shall also provide an eligible person who is  
32 incarcerated with a mail voter registration application form at any other time upon the  
33 request of such person.

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35 (c) The commissioner may (1) provide electronic access to enable an eligible person who  
36 is incarcerated to use the online voter registration system established under section 9-19k  
37 of the general statutes, and (2) assist an eligible person who is incarcerated in completing  
38 either a mail or online voter registration application.

40 (d) A person’s residence for the purposes of a voter registration application under this  
41 section shall be the person’s bona fide residence, as described in section 9-12 of the  
42 general statutes, immediately before incarceration.

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44 (e) The commissioner is not an admitting official.

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46 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section, the terms  
47 “commissioner”, “correctional facility” and “eligible person who is incarcerated” have  
48 the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act.

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50 (b) Not later than fourteen days after an eligible person is incarcerated in a correctional  
51 facility, either initially or by transfer from another correctional facility, the Commissioner  
52 of Correction shall (1) inform the person of (A) the opportunity for eligible persons who  
53 are incarcerated and electors, as defined in section 9-1 of the general statutes, to vote by  
54 absentee ballot for primaries, elections and referenda, and (B) the procedure for applying  
55 for presumptive absentee ballot status in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)  
56 of this section and, alternatively, the procedure for applying for an absentee ballot for the  
57 next primary, election or referendum in the municipality in which the person’s residence  
58 is located, and (2) provide the person with an application for an absentee ballot described  
59 in section 9-139a of the general statutes, which may be used to apply for either  
60 presumptive absentee ballot status or for an absentee ballot for such primary, election or  
61 referendum. The commissioner shall also provide an eligible person who is incarcerated  
62 with an application for an absentee ballot at any other time upon the request of such  
63 person.

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65 (c) (1) Any eligible person who is incarcerated and (A) is either an elector or has  
66 completed a voter registration application under section 1 of this act and (B) files an  
67 application for an absentee ballot described in section 9-139a of the general statutes, with  
68 a certification from the commissioner indicating that such person is committed to the  
69 custody of the commissioner for confinement in a correctional facility and is unable to  
70 appear in person at such person’s designated or prospective polling location, shall be  
71 eligible for presumptive absentee ballot status and shall receive an absentee ballot for  
72 each election, primary or referendum conducted in such person’s municipality for which  
73 such person is eligible to vote, provided a person who has completed a voter registration  
74 application under section 1 of this act shall not be eligible for presumptive absentee ballot  
75 status unless the person’s voter registration application is accepted by a registrar. The

76 presumptive absentee ballot status for an eligible person who is incarcerated and an  
77 elector shall remain in effect until such elector: (i) Is removed from the official registry  
78 list of the municipality, (ii) is removed from presumptive absentee ballot status pursuant  
79 to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, (iii) requests that he or she no  
80 longer receive such presumptive absentee ballot status, or (iv) is discharged from  
81 confinement in a correctional facility.

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83 (2) The registrars of voters shall send written notice to each such elector with  
84 presumptive absentee ballot status in January of each year, at the mailing address  
85 provided on the elector's absentee ballot application filed under subdivision (1) of this  
86 subsection. Such notice shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State. If the  
87 elector, as directed on the form, either (A) fails to return such notice to the registrars of  
88 voters within forty-five days after the notice is sent to the elector, or (B) fails to confirm  
89 that the residence address provided on the elector's absentee ballot application is still the  
90 elector's residence address, the elector shall be removed from presumptive absentee  
91 ballot status. Failure to return such written notice shall not result in the removal of an  
92 elector from the official registry list of the municipality.

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94 Sec. 3. Subsection (k) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
95 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

96  
97 (k) (1) A person shall register with the town clerk before distributing five or more  
98 absentee ballot applications for an election, primary or referendum, not including  
99 applications distributed to such person's immediate family. Such requirement shall not  
100 apply to (A) a person who is the designee of an applicant, or (B) the Commissioner of  
101 Correction with regard to the provision of absentee ballot applications under section 2 of  
102 this act to eligible persons who are incarcerated.

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104 (2) Any person who distributes absentee ballot applications shall maintain a list of the  
105 names and addresses of prospective absentee ballot applicants who receive such  
106 applications, and shall file such list with the town clerk prior to the date of the primary,  
107 election or referendum for which the applications were so distributed. Such requirement  
108 shall not apply to the Commissioner of Correction with regard to the provision of  
109 absentee ballot applications under section 2 of this act to eligible persons who are  
110 incarcerated.

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112 (3) Any person who distributes absentee ballot applications and receives an executed  
113 application shall forthwith file the application with the town clerk.

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115 Sec. 4. Subsection (m) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
116 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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118 (m) The Secretary of the State shall conspicuously post on the Secretary of the State's  
119 web site, adjacent to the absentee ballot application form available for downloading, a  
120 notice that the application may be downloaded by a person only for (1) the person's own  
121 use, (2) the use of a member of the person's immediate family, [or] (3) the use of a designee  
122 of the applicant, or (4) the use of the Commissioner of Correction under section 2 of this  
123 act. The notice shall also contain an advisory statement concerning the requirements of  
124 subsection (k) of this section.

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126 Sec. 5. Subsection (o) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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129 (o) As used in this section, (1) "immediate family" has the same meaning as provided  
130 in subsection (a) of section 9-140b, [and] (2) "designee" has the same meaning as provided  
131 in subsection (b) of section 9-140b, and (3) "eligible person who is incarcerated" has the  
132 same meaning as provided in section 1 of this act.

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134 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section, "correctional facility"  
135 and "eligible person who is incarcerated" have the same meanings as provided in section  
136 1 of this act.

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138 (b) Not later than February 15, 2023, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of  
139 Correction and the Connecticut Sentencing Commission shall jointly submit a report to  
140 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
141 relating to elections, on the implementation of sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act. Such  
142 report shall include, for the preceding calendar year, (1) a summary of the measures taken  
143 by the Commissioner of Correction to carry out the purposes of said sections, and (2)  
144 findings and recommendations concerning voter registration and absentee voting by  
145 eligible persons who are incarcerated at correctional facilities.

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147 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a)(1) A person whose right to become an elector  
148 and privileges as an elector (A) have been forfeited, pursuant to section 9-46 of the

149 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2022, upon conviction of a felony  
150 and committal to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a  
151 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, committal to confinement in  
152 a federal correctional institution or facility, or committal to the custody of the chief  
153 correctional official of any other state or a county of any other state for confinement in a  
154 correctional institution or facility or a community residence in such state or county, and  
155 (B) as of June 30, 2022, have not been restored pursuant to section 9-46a of the general  
156 statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2022, shall have such person's right to  
157 become an elector and privileges as an elector restored on July 1, 2022. (2) The provisions  
158 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a person sentenced to a term of life  
159 imprisonment without the possibility of release.

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161 (b) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner  
162 of Correction shall notify each person described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this  
163 section of the restoration of the person's right to become an elector and privileges as an  
164 elector.

165  
166 (c) On and after the effective date of this section, a person shall forfeit such person's  
167 right to become an elector and such person's privileges as an elector upon (1) conviction  
168 of a felony and sentencing to a term of life imprisonment without the possibility of release  
169 and (2) committal to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a  
170 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, committal to confinement  
171 in a federal correctional institution or facility, or committal to the custody of the chief  
172 correctional official of any other state or a county of any other state for confinement in a  
173 correctional institution or facility or a community residence in such state or county.

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175 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
176 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

177  
178 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner  
179 of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall include an application for the  
180 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor vehicle  
181 operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under  
182 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form provided for an  
183 identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an  
184 elector (1) shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include  
185 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a statement that

186 (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains an attestation that the applicant  
187 meets each such requirement, and (C) requires the signature of the applicant under  
188 penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed  
189 application for admission which is submitted in person or by mail. The applicant shall  
190 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence  
191 address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment,  
192 if any, prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's privileges  
193 as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security  
194 number on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior to January  
195 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner  
196 shall indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any  
197 eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the Commissioner  
198 of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote in an election. The commissioner  
199 shall provide the applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the  
200 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the date that the  
201 commissioner received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words  
202 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such receipt whether  
203 the application was submitted in person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith  
204 transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence. If  
205 a registration application is accepted within five days before the last day for registration  
206 to vote in a regular election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters  
207 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date of  
208 acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g which are  
209 not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended  
210 from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The commissioner  
211 is not an admitting official, [and may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a,  
212 electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony] as defined in section 9-17a.

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214 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes is  
215 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

216  
217 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to an admitting  
218 official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State and signed by the  
219 applicant, state under penalties of perjury, his name, bona fide residence by street and  
220 number, date of birth, whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an  
221 elector are forfeited by reason of conviction of [crime] a felony and sentencing to a term  
222 of life imprisonment without the possibility of release, and whether he has previously

223 been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any other state. Each such applicant  
224 shall present his birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card to the admitting  
225 official for inspection at the time of application. Notwithstanding the provisions of any  
226 special act or charter to the contrary, the application form shall also, in a manner  
227 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, provide for application for enrollment in any  
228 political party, including, on any such form printed on or after January 1, 2006, a list of  
229 the names of the major parties, as defined in section 9-372, as options for the applicant.  
230 The form shall indicate that such enrollment is not mandatory.

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232 Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
233 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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235 (b) Voter registration agencies shall (1) distribute mail voter registration application  
236 forms, (2) assist applicants for such assistance or services in completing voter registration  
237 application forms, except for applicants who refuse such assistance, (3) accept completed  
238 voter registration application forms and provide each applicant with an application  
239 receipt, on which the agency shall record the date that the agency received the  
240 application, using an official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (4)  
241 immediately transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of voting  
242 residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt whether the application  
243 was submitted in person or by mail. If a registration application is accepted within five  
244 days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall  
245 be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of the applicant  
246 not later than five days after the date of acceptance. The voter registration agency shall  
247 indicate on the completed mail voter registration application form, without indicating  
248 the identity of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such agency, to  
249 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the  
250 registration agency by the last day for registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded  
251 program primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities provides  
252 services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide such  
253 voter registration services at the person's home. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)  
254 and (g) of section 9-23g that are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act  
255 of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made  
256 under this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration agencies are not  
257 admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, [ and may not restore, under the  
258 provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.]

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260 Sec. 11. Section 9-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
261 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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263 Any person who, because of service in the armed forces, membership in the United  
264 States Merchant Marine, membership in a religious or welfare group or agency attached  
265 to and serving with the armed forces or civilian employment with the United States or  
266 because he is a spouse or dependent of any such person, and any person who because of  
267 temporary residence outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States  
268 and the District of Columbia, may, at any time, in the manner and upon a form prescribed  
269 by the Secretary of the State, make application, in person or by mail, to the town clerk of  
270 such town for such examination and for admission as an elector. Upon such form, signed  
271 by the applicant, he shall state under penalties of perjury, his name, bona fide residence  
272 by street and number, if any, in such town and date of birth, and that he is, at the time of  
273 making such application, a citizen of the United States. He shall also state that he is (1) a  
274 member of the armed forces, of the merchant marine or of a religious or welfare group or  
275 agency attached to and serving with the armed forces, (2) a civilian employee of the  
276 United States, (3) a spouse or dependent of any person described in subdivision (1) or (2),  
277 or (4) a person temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the several states of  
278 the United States and the District of Columbia. The person shall also state the date of his  
279 induction into such armed forces or the date of his joining the merchant marine or such  
280 religious or welfare group or agency or of his entering United States employment or  
281 moving temporarily outside the territorial limits of the several states of the United States  
282 and the District of Columbia [; whether his privileges as an elector are forfeited by reason  
283 of conviction of crime;] and whether he is, at the time of making such application,  
284 registered as an elector in any other town in this or any other state. The application form  
285 shall provide for application for enrollment in any political party and shall indicate that  
286 such enrollment is optional. No Social Security number on any such form filed prior to  
287 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental agency. The town  
288 clerk may accept such fully completed form as evidence of the qualifications of the  
289 applicant to be admitted as an elector. The application for admission as an elector shall  
290 include a statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains an  
291 attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement and (C) requires the signature  
292 of the applicant under penalty of perjury. In lieu of the application form prescribed by  
293 the secretary under this section, any such person may apply for registration and  
294 enrollment on the federal postcard application form provided pursuant to the Uniformed  
295 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 100 Stat. 924, 42 USC 1973ff et seq., as  
296 amended from time to time, or any other applicable law.



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298 Sec. 12. Section 9-31b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
299 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

300 Such application shall be in form substantially as follows:

301 APPLICATION OF PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON FOR  
302 ADMISSION AS AN ELECTOR

303 To the Town Clerk of the town of .... or to the registrar of voters of the .... Party of the  
304 town of .... I hereby apply for admission as an elector:

305 (1) My name is .... (last name) (first name) (initial).

306 (2) My bona fide residence is .... (street and number), but I am presently residing at ....  
307 (street, number and town if different from residence above).

308 (3) I am a permanently physically disabled person and my permanent physical  
309 disability prevents me and will continue to prevent me from appearing in person at your  
310 office.

311 (4) I am a United States Citizen who has attained the age of eighteen. [and my electoral  
312 privileges are not forfeited by reason of conviction of any disfranchising crime.]

313 Dated at ....., Connecticut, this .... day of ....., 20...

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315 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 9-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
316 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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318 (b) At such session and on any day except on the day of an election or primary, the  
319 registrars shall remove from the list the name of each elector who has died, who has been  
320 disfranchised by reason of conviction of a felony and sentencing to a term of life  
321 imprisonment without the possibility of release or who has confirmed in writing that the  
322 elector has moved out of the municipality, except electors entitled to remain on such list  
323 under the provisions of this chapter. An elector shall be deemed to have confirmed in  
324 writing that the elector has moved out of the municipality if (1) the elector has submitted  
325 a change of address form for purposes of a state motor vehicle operator's license, unless  
326 the elector states on the form that the change of address is not for voter registration  
327 purposes, (2) the elector has submitted a change of address form to a voter registration  
328 agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended by this act, and such agency has provided  
329 such change of address to the registrars of voters, or (3) the registrars of voters have

330 received a cancellation of previous registration from any other election official indicating  
331 that such elector has registered as an elector outside such municipality.

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333 Sec. 14. Section 9-158b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
334 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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336 (a) Each citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age [,] and is a  
337 former resident [and who has not forfeited such citizen's electoral privileges because of a  
338 disfranchising crime,] may vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors, but for no  
339 other offices, in the town in this state in which such citizen formerly resided in the manner  
340 provided in sections 9-158c to 9-158m, inclusive.

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342 (b) Each citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age; who resides  
343 outside the United States and who, immediately prior to moving outside the United  
344 States, was a bona fide resident of a town in this state; who is not registered to vote and  
345 is not voting in any other state or election district of a state or territory or in any territory  
346 or possession of the United States [,] and who has a valid passport or card of identity and  
347 registration issued under the authority of the Secretary of State of the United States or  
348 alternative form of identification [and who has not forfeited his electoral privileges  
349 because of a disfranchising crime,] may vote in federal elections in the town in this state  
350 in which he formerly resided immediately prior to his departure from the United States  
351 in the manner provided in sections 9-158c to 9-158m, inclusive. The exercise of any right  
352 to vote in federal elections by any citizen outside the United States shall not affect the  
353 determination of his place of residence or domicile for purposes of any tax imposed under  
354 federal, state or local law.

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356 (c) Each citizen of the United States born outside of the United States who is at least  
357 eighteen years of age, whose parent or guardian was a bona fide resident of a town in  
358 this state immediately prior to moving outside the United States, who is not registered to  
359 vote and is not voting in any other state or election district of a state or territory or in any  
360 territory or possession of the United States [,] and who has a valid passport or card of  
361 identity and registration issued under the authority of the Secretary of State of the United  
362 States or alternative form of identification [and who has not forfeited such citizen's  
363 electoral privileges because of a disfranchising crime,] shall be eligible to vote pursuant  
364 to this section. Such citizen may vote in federal elections in the town in this state in which  
365 the citizen's parent or guardian formerly resided immediately prior to the parent's or

366 guardian's departure from the United States, in the manner provided in sections 9-158c  
367 to 9-158m, inclusive.

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369 Sec. 15. Section 9-158d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
370 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

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372 (a) The application for a presidential ballot shall be a form signed in duplicate by the  
373 applicant under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting, which shall provide  
374 substantially as follows:

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376 To the Town Clerk of the Town of ..., Connecticut

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378 I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting that  
379 the following statements are true:

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381 1. I am a citizen of the United States.

382 [2. I have not forfeited my electoral privileges because of conviction of a disfranchising  
383 crime.]

384 [3.] 2. I was born on ..., and on the day of the next presidential election, I shall be at  
385 least 18 years of age.

386 [4.] 3. FORMER RESIDENT. I am a former resident of the above town, to which I am  
387 making this application, and resided at ... Street therein. I moved from such town to my  
388 present town and state of residence on the ... day of ..., 20.., being within thirty days  
389 before the date of the next presidential election, and for that reason I cannot register to  
390 vote in said presidential election in my present town and state of residence. I am now a  
391 bona fide resident of the Town of ..., in the state of ..., now residing at ... Street therein.

392 [5.] 4. I hereby apply for a "presidential ballot" for the election to be held on ..., 20... I  
393 have not voted and will not vote otherwise than by this ballot at that election. I am not  
394 eligible to vote for electors of President and Vice-President in any other state.

395 [6.] 5. The said ballot is to be given to me personally or mailed to me at

396 ... (bona fide mailing address)

397 Dated at ..., this ... day of ... 20...

398 ... (Signature of applicant)

399 (b) The application for an overseas ballot shall be the federal application permitted  
400 under section 9-153a or a form signed by the applicant under penalty of false statement  
401 in absentee balloting which shall provide substantially as follows:

402 To the Town Clerk of the Town of ....., Connecticut

403 I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting that  
404 the following statements are true:

405 1. I am a citizen of the United States.

406 [2. I have not forfeited my electoral privileges because of conviction of a disfranchising  
407 crime.]

408 [3.] 2. I was born on ....., and on the day of the next federal election, I shall be at least  
409 eighteen years of age.

410 [4.] 3. I was a resident of the above town, to which I am making this application, and  
411 resided at no. .... Street therein. I moved from such town to my present residence on the  
412 .... day of ....., 20... I now reside in ....., at no. .... Street therein.

413 [5.] 4. I have a valid passport or card of identity and registration issued under the  
414 authority of the Secretary of State of the United States or alternate form of identification.

415 [6.] 5. I hereby apply for an overseas ballot for the

( ) Primary

( ) General Election

( ) Special Election

416 to be held on ....., 20... I do not maintain a domicile in any other state or election district of  
417 any state or territory or any territory or possession of the United States. I have not voted  
418 and will not vote otherwise than by this ballot at such election or primary for which I  
419 now apply for an overseas ballot. I am not eligible to vote in any town in Connecticut or  
420 in any other state or election district of any state or territory or any territory or possession  
421 of the United States.

422 [7.] 6. The said ballot is to be mailed to me at ....

423 .... (Mailing address)

424 Dated at ....., this .... day of ....., 20...

425 .... (Signature of applicant)

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427 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-159p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
428 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

429  
430 (a) Any elector may challenge the right of any person offering to vote by absentee ballot  
431 based upon false identity, disenfranchisement for conviction of a felony and sentencing  
432 to a term of life imprisonment without the possibility of release, or lack of bona fide  
433 residence. The failure of an elector to challenge, pursuant to this section, the right of a  
434 person to vote by absentee ballot shall not bar such elector from bringing an action to  
435 contest the primary or election under section 9-323, 9-324, 9-328 or 9-329a, based on the  
436 alleged invalidity of the absentee ballot cast at such primary or election.

437  
438 Sec. 17. Section 9-170 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
439 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

440  
441 At any regular or special town election any person may vote who is registered as an  
442 elector on the revised registry list of the town last completed and he shall vote only in the  
443 district in which he is so registered, provided any person may vote whose name is  
444 restored to the list under the provisions of section 9-42 or whose name is added on the  
445 last week day before a regular election under the provisions of section 9-17. Each person  
446 so registered shall be permitted to vote unless he is not a bona fide resident of the town  
447 and political subdivision holding the election or has been convicted of a [disfranchising  
448 crime] felony and sentenced to a term of life imprisonment without the possibility of  
449 release. Any person offering to vote and being challenged as to his identity or residence  
450 shall, before he votes, prove his identity with the person on whose name he offers to vote  
451 or his bona fide residence in the town and political subdivision holding the election, as  
452 the case may be, by the testimony, under oath, of at least one other elector or by such  
453 other evidence acceptable to the moderator.

454  
455 Sec. 18. Section 9-171 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
456 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

457  
458 In all cities, unless otherwise provided by law, any person entitled to vote at city  
459 elections who is registered on the revised registry list last completed, and any person  
460 having a legal right to vote at such elections whose name is entered on a copy of such list  
461 before voting, may vote therein in the district for which such registry list is made;  
462 provided those persons may vote whose names are restored to the list under the  
463 provisions of section 9-42 or whose names are added on the last week day before a regular

464 election under the provisions of section 9-17. Each person so registered shall be permitted  
465 to vote, unless he has lost his right by removal from such city since he has registered or  
466 by conviction of a [disfranchising crime] felony and sentencing to a term of life  
467 imprisonment without the possibility of release. Any person offering so to vote, and  
468 being challenged as to his identity or residence, shall, before he votes, prove his identity  
469 with the person on whose name he offers to vote or his bona fide residence in such city,  
470 as the case may be, by the testimony, under oath, of at least one other elector or by such  
471 other evidence acceptable to the moderator. The names of those voting shall be checked  
472 on such copy of such list, and such copy so checked shall be kept on file in the office of  
473 the town clerk, as in the case of state elections.

474  
475 Sec. 19. Section 9-172 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
476 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

477  
478 At any regular or special state election any person may vote who was registered on the  
479 last-completed revised registry list of the town in which he offers to vote, and he shall  
480 vote in the district in which he was so registered; provided those persons may vote whose  
481 names are restored to the list under the provisions of section 9-42 or whose names are  
482 added on the last weekday before a regular election under the provisions of section 9-17.  
483 Each person so registered shall be permitted to vote if he is a bona fide resident of the  
484 town and political subdivision holding the election and has not lost his right by  
485 conviction of a [disfranchising crime] felony and sentencing to a term of life  
486 imprisonment without the possibility of release. Any person offering so to vote and being  
487 challenged as to his identity or residence shall, before he votes, prove his identity with  
488 the person on whose name he offers to vote or his bona fide residence in the town and  
489 political subdivision holding the election, as the case may be, by the testimony, under  
490 oath, of at least one other elector or by such other evidence as is acceptable to the  
491 moderator.

492  
493 Sec. 20. Section 9-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
494 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

495  
496 Each registrar of voters immediately after his election shall appoint a deputy registrar  
497 of voters to hold office during his pleasure and may, at any time, fill any vacancy in said  
498 office. He shall file with the town clerk a certificate of each such appointment and the  
499 town clerk shall record the certificate with the records of town meetings. Each deputy  
500 registrar of voters shall assist his principal when required, discharge his duties in his

501 absence or inability to act and, in case of the death, removal or resignation of such  
502 principal, shall become registrar of voters and appoint a deputy, and shall file with the  
503 town clerk a certificate of such appointment, which shall be recorded with the records of  
504 town meetings. If a vacancy exists in the office of registrar of voters in consequence of a  
505 refusal or failure to accept the office or a failure of the registrar to appoint a deputy  
506 registrar, the town committee of the same political party as the registrar of voters who so  
507 refused, failed to accept or failed to appoint, or other appointing authority specified in  
508 local party rules shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of some suitable person, who  
509 shall belong to the same political party as the registrar of voters who so refused, failed to  
510 accept or failed to appoint. Each registrar of voters in any town may, as needed, appoint  
511 and employ not more than four assistant registrars of voters for each voting district  
512 therein, who shall serve at the pleasure of the registrar of voters and assist such registrar  
513 in the performance of his duties, and, for purposes of any admission session held  
514 pursuant to section 9-19b or subsection (a) of section 9-19c, as many special assistants as  
515 are necessary to carry out the duties of such session. Such registrar shall file with the town  
516 clerk a certificate of each such appointment, which shall be recorded with the records of  
517 the town, and shall appoint such other assistants as are necessary for the performance of  
518 duties required by sections 9-12 to [9-45] 9-43, inclusive, on election day and the six days  
519 preceding. Unless otherwise provided by subsection (b) of section 9-19b, in the absence  
520 of either registrar of voters, his deputy or any of his assistants, except special assistants,  
521 shall have all the powers conferred, and may perform any of the duties imposed, upon  
522 such registrar by any of the provisions of the statutes. Each deputy, assistant or special  
523 assistant registrar shall be an elector of the municipality in which he is appointed. Each  
524 deputy registrar shall also, at the time of his appointment and during the six months  
525 immediately preceding his appointment, be an enrolled member of the same party as the  
526 registrar who makes such appointment.

527

528 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-236b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

530

531 (a) The Secretary of the State shall provide each municipality with sufficient quantities  
532 of a poster size copy, at least eighteen by twenty-four inches, of a Voter's Bill of Rights,  
533 which shall be posted conspicuously at each polling place. The text of the Voter's Bill of  
534 Rights shall be:

535 "VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

536 Every registered voter in this state has the right to:

- 537 (1) Inspect a sample ballot before voting;
- 538 (2) Receive instructions concerning how to operate voting equipment, on sample  
539 voting equipment before voting;
- 540 (3) Cast a ballot if the voter is in line when the polls are closing;
- 541 (4) Ask for and receive assistance in voting, including assistance in languages other  
542 than English where required by federal or state law;
- 543 (5) Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election officials or any other person;
- 544 (6) Cast a ballot using voting equipment that accurately counts all votes;
- 545 (7) Vote by provisional ballot if the individual registered to vote and the individual's  
546 name is not on the voter list; and
- 547 [(8) Be informed of the process for restoring the individual's right to vote if the  
548 individual was incarcerated for a felony conviction; and]
- 549 [(9)] (8) Vote independently and in privacy at a polling place, regardless of physical  
550 disability.

551  
552 If any of your rights have been violated, you have the right to file an official complaint  
553 with the State Elections Enforcement Commission at .... (toll-free telephone number) or  
554 the United States Department of Justice at .... (toll-free telephone number). In addition,  
555 before leaving the polling place you may notify the moderator of the violation.”

556  
557 Sec. 22. Section 9-355 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
558 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

559  
560 Any person who, without reasonable cause, neglects to perform any of the duties  
561 required of him by the laws relating to elections or primaries and for which neglect no  
562 other punishment is provided, and any person who is guilty of fraud in the performance  
563 of any such duty, and any person who makes any unlawful alteration in any list required  
564 by law, shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or be imprisoned not more  
565 than one year or be both fined and imprisoned. [Any official who is convicted of fraud in  
566 the performance of any duty imposed upon him by any law relating to the registration or  
567 admission of electors or to the conduct of any election shall be disfranchised.] Any public  
568 officer or any election official upon whom any duty is imposed by part I of chapter 147  
569 and sections 9-308 to 9-311, inclusive, who wilfully omits or neglects to perform any such



570 duty or does any act prohibited therein for which punishment is not otherwise provided  
571 shall be guilty of a class E felony.

572

573 Sec. 23. Section 9-358 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
574 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

575

576 Any person who, upon oath or affirmation, legally administered, wilfully and  
577 corruptly testifies or affirms, before any registrar of voters, any moderator of any election,  
578 primary or referendum, any board for admission of electors or the State Elections  
579 Enforcement Commission, falsely, to any material fact concerning the identity, age,  
580 residence or other qualifications of any person whose right to be registered or admitted  
581 as an elector or to vote at any election, primary or referendum is being passed upon and  
582 decided, shall be guilty of a class D felony. [and shall be disfranchised.]

583

584 Sec. 24. Section 9-360 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
585 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

586

587 Any person not legally qualified who fraudulently votes in any town meeting, primary,  
588 election or referendum in which the person is not qualified to vote, and any legally  
589 qualified person who, at such meeting, primary, election or referendum, fraudulently  
590 votes more than once at the same meeting, primary, election or referendum, shall be fined  
591 not less than three hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars and shall be  
592 imprisoned not less than one year or more than two years. [and shall be disfranchised.]  
593 Any person who votes or attempts to vote at any election, primary, referendum or town  
594 meeting by assuming the name of another legally qualified person shall be guilty of a  
595 class D felony. [and shall be disfranchised.]

596

597 Sec. 25. Section 9-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
598 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

599

600 The following persons shall be guilty of primary or enrollment violations: (1) Any  
601 person unlawfully voting or participating or attempting to vote or participate in any  
602 primary in which he is not eligible to vote or participate; (2) in towns divided into voting  
603 districts, any elector who registers or votes at any primary in a voting district other than  
604 the district in which such elector is legally entitled to vote at the time of such primary; (3)  
605 any elector who signs the name of another to a written application to register, without  
606 the knowledge and consent of the person whose name is signed thereto, or who falsely

607 represents the contents of any written or printed form of application for enrollment with  
608 intent to secure the application of an elector for enrollment upon a list other than that of  
609 his true political preference; (4) any registrar or deputy registrar of voters who fails to  
610 hold sessions as provided in sections 9-51 and 9-53 or who fails to register an elector upon  
611 the oral or written application for enrollment of such elector, except as provided by law,  
612 or who fails to erase an elector's name as provided in section 9-59 or who registers any  
613 elector upon an enrollment list other than that declared by such elector in his application  
614 as his political preference, or who removes or erases the name of any elector from any  
615 enrollment list except as provided by law; (5) any person who fails to properly serve any  
616 notice or citation required by sections 9-60 and 9-61 when directed so to do by any  
617 registrar or deputy registrar, or who makes any false return as to any such notice or  
618 citation; and (6) any moderator of a primary of the enrolled electors of a specified party,  
619 such primary being legally called for the nomination of candidates for any public elective  
620 office, who fails to comply with the requirements of chapter 153. The penalty for any such  
621 violation shall be a class D misdemeanor, except that any person found to have violated  
622 subdivision (1) or (2) of this section shall be guilty of a class D felony. [and shall be  
623 disfranchised.]

624

625 Sec. 26. Section 9-453e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
626 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

627

628 Each circulator of a nominating petition page shall be a United States citizen, at least  
629 eighteen years of age and a resident of a town in this state. [and shall not be on parole  
630 for conviction of a felony.] Any individual proposed as a candidate in any nominating  
631 petition may serve as circulator of the pages of such nominating petition.

632

633 Sec. 27. Section 9-453j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
634 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

635

636 Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or the Secretary of the  
637 State and filed with the Secretary of the State under the provisions of sections 9-453a to  
638 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216 shall contain a statement as to the residency in this state  
639 and eligibility of the circulator and authenticity of the signatures thereon, signed under  
640 penalties of false statement, by the person who circulated the same. Such statement shall  
641 set forth (1) such circulator's residence address, including the town in this state in which  
642 such circulator is a resident, (2) the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at  
643 least eighteen years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States citizen, [and not on

644 parole for conviction of a felony,] and (4) that each person whose name appears on such  
645 page signed the same in person in the presence of such circulator and that either the  
646 circulator knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified himself to the  
647 circulator. Any false statement committed with respect to such statement shall be deemed  
648 to have been committed in the town in which the petition was circulated.

649  
650 Sec. 28. Section 1-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted  
651 in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):  
652

653 The forms of oaths shall be as follows, to wit:

654 FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EXECUTIVE  
655 AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

656 You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will support the  
657 Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Connecticut, so long  
658 as you continue a citizen thereof; and that you will faithfully discharge, according to law,  
659 the duties of the office of .... to the best of your abilities; so help you God.

660 FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC.

661 You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will support the  
662 Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Connecticut; and  
663 that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, the duties of the office of notary  
664 public to the best of your abilities; so help you God.

665 FOR ELECTORS.

666 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will be true and faithful to  
667 the constitutions and governments of the State of Connecticut and the United States of  
668 America; that the statements made in your application for admission as an elector are  
669 true and complete; and that your privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of  
670 conviction of a felony and sentencing to a term of life imprisonment without the  
671 possibility of release; so help you God.

672 FOR ATTORNEYS.

673 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
674 do nothing dishonest, and will not knowingly allow anything dishonest to be done in  
675 court, and that you will inform the court of any dishonesty of which you have knowledge;

676 that you will not knowingly maintain or assist in maintaining any cause of action that is  
677 false or unlawful; that you will not obstruct any cause of action for personal gain or  
678 malice; but that you will exercise the office of attorney, in any court in which you may  
679 practice, according to the best of your learning and judgment, faithfully, to both your  
680 client and the court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

681 FOR PETIT JURORS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES.

682 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will,  
683 without respect of any persons or favor of any person, decide this case between the state  
684 of Connecticut and the defendant (or defendants) based on the evidence given in court  
685 and on the laws of this state, as explained by the judge; that you will not talk to each other  
686 about this case until instructed to do so; that you will listen to and consider what the  
687 other jurors have to say in deliberations about this case; that you will not speak to anyone  
688 else, or allow anyone else to speak to you, about this case until you have been discharged  
689 by the court; and that when you reach a decision, you will not disclose the decision until  
690 it is announced in court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

691 FOR ALTERNATE JURORS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES.

692 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that, if you  
693 become a member of the jury for this case, you will, without respect of any persons or  
694 favor of any person, decide this case between the state of Connecticut and the defendant  
695 (or defendants) based on the evidence given in court and on the laws of this state, as  
696 explained by the judge; that you will not talk to each other about this case until instructed  
697 to do so; that you will listen to and consider what the other jurors have to say in  
698 deliberations about this case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or allow anyone else  
699 to speak to you about this case until you have been discharged by the court; and that  
700 when you reach a decision, you will not disclose the decision until it is announced in  
701 court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

702 FOR JURORS IN CIVIL CAUSES.

703 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
704 decide this case between the plaintiff and the defendant (or plaintiffs and defendants)  
705 based on the evidence given in court and on the laws of this state as explained by the  
706 judge; that you will not talk to each other about this case until instructed to do so; that  
707 you will listen to and consider what the other jurors have to say in deliberations about  
708 this case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or allow anyone else to speak to you,  
709 about this case; and that when you reach a decision, you will not disclose the decision  
710 until it is announced in court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

711

FOR ALTERNATE JURORS IN CIVIL CAUSES.

712 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that, if you  
713 become a member of the jury for this case, you will decide this case between the plaintiff  
714 and the defendant (or plaintiffs and defendants) based on the evidence given in court and  
715 on the laws of this state as explained by the judge; that you will not talk to each other  
716 about this case until instructed to do so; that you will listen to and consider what the  
717 other jurors have to say in deliberations about this case; that you will not speak to anyone  
718 else, or allow anyone else to speak to you, about this case; and that when you reach a  
719 decision, you will not disclose the decision until it is announced in court; so help you God  
720 or upon penalty of perjury.

721

VOIR DIRE.

722 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
723 answer truthfully all questions that you are asked, none of which will be about the merits  
724 of the case for which the jury is being selected; so help you God or upon penalty of  
725 perjury.

726

FOR WITNESSES.

727 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that the  
728 evidence you shall give concerning this case shall be the truth, the whole truth and  
729 nothing but the truth; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

730

FOR INVESTIGATORY GRAND JURY WITNESSES.

731 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that the  
732 evidence you shall give concerning this investigation into the commission of a crime or  
733 crimes, shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; so help you God or  
734 upon penalty of perjury.

735

FOR WITNESSES TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.

736 You promise that you will tell the truth.

737

FOR AN INTERPRETER IN A CRIMINAL CASE.

738 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
739 interpret accurately the information (or indictment) that charges the accused with a crime  
740 and all questions that the accused may be asked under the direction of the court in a  
741 language the accused can understand and speak; that you will interpret accurately the

742 pleas of the accused to the information (or indictment) and the answers of the accused to  
743 the court (or to the court and jury) in English; and that you will make all interpretations  
744 to the best of your skill and judgment; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

745 FOR AN INTERPRETER IN COURT.

746 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
747 interpret accurately the oath to be administered to the witness and all questions that the  
748 witness may be asked under direction of the court in a language the witness can  
749 understand and speak; that you will interpret accurately the answers of the witness to  
750 the court (or to the court and jury) in English; and that you will make all interpretations  
751 to the best of your skill and judgment; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

752 FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR A  
753 JUROR WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.

754 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
755 interpret accurately to a juror who is deaf or hard of hearing the juror orientation  
756 program, any oath to be administered to the juror, all testimony and other relevant  
757 conversation, and all questions that the juror may be asked under the direction of the  
758 court; that you will interpret accurately the answers of the juror to the court in English;  
759 that you will not participate in any manner in the deliberations of the jury other than  
760 making an accurate interpretation of the remarks of the jurors during deliberations; that  
761 you will make all interpretations to the best of your skill and judgment; and that you will  
762 not communicate with anyone outside the jury concerning the business or matters before  
763 the jury; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

764 FOR ASSESSORS, TO SUBSCRIBE UPON ABSTRACT.

765 I, ..., assessor of the town of ..., do solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm,  
766 as the case may be, that I believe that all the lists, and the abstract of said town for the  
767 year 20.., are made up and perfected according to law; so help me God or upon penalty  
768 of perjury.

769 FOR PLAINTIFF, WHEN INDIFFERENT PERSON IS  
770 AUTHORIZED TO SERVE WRIT.

771 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you  
772 believe the plaintiff is (or plaintiffs are) in danger of losing the debt (damage or other  
773 thing) in this writ, unless an indifferent person is authorized to immediately serve this  
774 writ; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

775

FOR MEMBERS OF A COURT-MARTIAL.

776 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will truly try and  
777 determine, according to the evidence given in court, the matters depending between this  
778 state and the officer (or officers) now to be tried; that you will not divulge the sentence of  
779 the court until the same shall have been approved or disapproved, according to law;  
780 neither will you, at any time, disclose the vote or opinion of any member of the court,  
781 unless required by due course of law; so help you God.

782

FOR THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE OF A COURT-MARTIAL.

783 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will not, at any time  
784 whatever, disclose the vote or opinion of any member of any court-martial in which you  
785 may be called to act, unless required by due course of law, nor divulge the sentence of  
786 any such court, unless the same shall have been approved or disapproved, according to  
787 law; and that you will faithfully and impartially do the duty of judge-advocate, according  
788 to your best ability; so help you God.

789

FOR OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO SERVE IN ANY POLLING

790

PLACE IN ANY ELECTION OR PRIMARY.

791 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will faithfully discharge,  
792 according to law, your duties as ..., to the best of your ability; and that you will serve in  
793 this election or primary as the case may be, as an official, completely impartial with  
794 respect to any candidate or any political party; so help you God.

795

FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS OF WHOM AN OATH IS REQUIRED.

796 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that you will  
797 faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as .... to the best of your abilities; so  
798 help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

799

800 Sec. 29. Sections 9-45, 9-46 and 9-46a of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July*  
801 *1, 2022*)

802

803

804 **Statement of Purpose:**

805 To (1) provide for the restoration of the right to become a registered voter and the  
806 electoral privileges of persons who are incarcerated for a felony conviction and the  
807 retention of such right and privileges by persons who may be incarcerated for a felony  
808 conviction in the future, except for any person sentenced to a term of life imprisonment

809 without the possibility of release, and (2) support the civic participation of individuals  
810 committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a  
811 correctional facility, by (A) requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide to such  
812 persons voting information and materials concerning voter registration and absentee  
813 voting and (B) authorizing presumptive absentee ballot status for interested and eligible  
814 incarcerated persons under which absentee ballots would be mailed to them for each  
815 election, primary and referendum.