



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5530

LCO No. 3032



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TOWN CLERKS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-19e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) Except during the period between the last session for the
4 admission of electors prior to an election and the day following that
5 election, an admitting official of any town, as defined in section 9-17a,
6 may, at the times and places prescribed by law, accept applications for
7 admission as an elector from persons who reside in any Connecticut
8 town and examine their qualifications. Each such application for
9 admission shall be made on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the
10 State and shall provide a space for application for enrollment in a
11 political party as provided in section 9-23a. Such admitting official shall
12 hand a receipt to the applicant and immediately mail the application to
13 the town clerk or registrars of voters of the town of residence of the
14 applicant.

15 **(b)** The town clerk or registrars of voters of the town of residence of
16 such applicant shall act upon such application, upon its receipt, and
17 shall note on such copy his or their action and the date thereof, and if
18 disapproved, his or their reasons therefor. If the town clerk acts on the
19 application, he shall deliver such copy to the registrars as provided in
20 section 9-20~~z~~, and whoever acts upon the application shall immediately
21 send written notification to the applicant, and if the application is
22 disapproved, he or they shall send such notification by certified mail.

23 **(c)** No person shall be admitted as an elector under this section unless
24 his application has been approved by the town clerk or registrars of
25 voters of his town of residence.

26 **(d)** Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an admitting
27 official to approve applications for admission as an elector in places
28 located outside the boundaries of the municipality or district of which
29 he is an official.

30 **(e)** Appeals may be taken from the action of such town clerk or
31 registrars of voters under this section in accordance with section 9-31~~l~~.
32 Any person making application for registration under this section shall
33 be entitled to the privileges of an elector and party enrollment, if
34 applicable, from the time such application for admission as an elector is
35 approved by the town clerk or registrars of voters of his voting
36 residence, provided **(1)** if such application is made after twelve o'clock
37 noon on the last business day before a primary, such applicant shall be
38 entitled to the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the
39 primary~~z~~, and [provided] **(2)** if such application is made on the day of a
40 caucus or convention, such applicant shall be entitled to the privileges
41 of party enrollment immediately after the caucus or convention.

42 Sec. 2. Section 9-30 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

44 All such applications shall be examined by the town clerk and, after
45 such examination, [he] the town clerk shall decide upon the right of the
46 applicant to be admitted as an elector. If the town clerk decides that such

47 applicant possesses all the qualifications required by law of applicants
48 for admission as electors, [he] the town clerk shall so certify, in writing,
49 upon the form submitted by such applicant, who shall thereupon be an
50 elector and shall be so advised in writing by the clerk. [Said] Such clerk
51 shall forthwith notify, by mail, any person whose application to be
52 admitted as an elector under the provisions of sections 9-26 to 9-29,
53 inclusive, is denied, with [his] the town clerk's reasons [therefor] for
54 such denial. The applicant may appeal the rejection of his or her
55 application under section 9-31l.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	9-19e
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	9-30

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to provisions concerning town clerks.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]