

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 193

LCO No. **1463**

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by: (HS)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ELIGIBILITY WORKERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

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

Section 1. Section 1-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The following officers may administer oaths: (1) The clerks of the 4 Senate, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons 5 of committees of the General Assembly or of either branch thereof, 6 during its session; (2) state officers, as defined in subsection (t) of section 7 9-1, judges and clerks of any court, family support magistrates, judge 8 trial referees, justices of the peace, commissioners of the Superior Court, 9 notaries public, town clerks and assistant town clerks, in all cases where 10 an oath may be administered, except in a case where the law otherwise 11 requires; (3) commissioners on insolvent estates, auditors, arbitrators 12 and committees, to parties and witnesses, in all cases tried before them; 13 (4) assessors and boards of assessment appeals, in cases coming before 14 them; (5) commissioners appointed by governors of other states to take 15 the acknowledgment of deeds, in the discharge of their official duty; (6)

16 the moderator of a school district meeting, in such meeting, to the clerk 17 of such district, as required by law; (7) the chief elected official of a 18 municipality, in any matter before the chief elected official of a 19 municipality; (8) the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical 20 Examiner and assistant medical examiners of the Office of the Medical 21 Examiner, in any matter before them; (9) registrars of vital statistics, in 22 any matter before them; (10) any chief inspector or inspector appointed 23 pursuant to section 51-286; (11) registrars of voters, deputy registrars, 24 assistant registrars, and moderators, in any matter before them; (12) 25 special assistant registrars, in matters provided for in subsections (b) 26 and (c) of section 9-19b and section 9-19c; (13) the Commissioner of 27 Emergency Services and Public Protection and any sworn member of 28 any local police department or the Division of State Police within the 29 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, in all 30 affidavits, statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by 31 any member of any local police department or said Division of State 32 Police or any constable who is under the supervision of said 33 commissioner or any of such officers of said Division of State Police and 34 who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, 35 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties; (14) judge 36 advocates of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine 37 Corps, law specialists of the United States Coast Guard, adjutants, 38 assistant adjutants, acting adjutants and personnel adjutants, 39 commanding officers, executive officers and officers whose rank is 40 lieutenant commander or major, or above, of the armed forces, as 41 defined in section 27-103, to persons serving with or in the armed forces, 42 as defined in said section, or their spouses; (15) investigators, deputy 43 investigators, investigative aides, secretaries, clerical assistants, social 44 workers, social worker trainees, paralegals and certified legal interns 45 employed by or assigned to the Public Defender Services Commission 46 in the performance of their assigned duties; (16) bail commissioners, 47 intake, assessment and referral specialists, family relations counselors, 48 support enforcement officers, chief probation officers and supervisory judicial marshals employed by the Judicial Department in the 49 50 performance of their assigned duties; (17) juvenile matter investigators

51 employed by the Division of Criminal Justice in the performance of their 52 assigned duties; (18) the chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council or the chairperson's designee; (19) the presiding officer at an agency 53 54 hearing under section 4-177b; (20) investigators employed by the 55 Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Services, in the 56 performance of their assigned duties; (21) the chairperson, vice-57 chairperson, members and employees of the Board of Pardons and 58 Paroles, in the performance of their assigned duties; (22) the 59 Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee; (23) sworn 60 law enforcement officers, appointed under section 26-5, within the 61 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in all affidavits, 62 statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or by any such 63 sworn law enforcement officer; [and] (24) sworn motor vehicle 64 inspectors acting under the authority of section 14-8; and (25) eligibility 65 workers, specialists and supervisors employed by the Department of Social Services when their assigned duties require witnessing the 66 67 execution of an affirmation or acknowledgment of parentage.

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

Section 1	from passage	1-24

HS Joint Favorable