



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1036

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM FOR ELECTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) There is established a study
2 group to (1) consider the feasibility of the regionalization of election
3 administration and the role of registrars of voters in such
4 regionalization, (2) examine opportunities for municipalities to
5 implement any such regionalization, and (3) develop best practices,
6 including identifying efficiencies, for the administration of elections.

7 (b) The study group shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

9 (2) Two appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to elections, in consultation with the ranking members of such
12 committee, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political party
13 from the other;

14 (3) Two designated by the president of the Registrars of Voters
15 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a
16 different political party from the other;

17 (4) Two designated by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks

18 Association, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different political
19 party from the other;

20 (5) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (6) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (7) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (8) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (9) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (10) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (11) One appointed by the Governor; and

29 (12) Two appointed by the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall
30 be admitted to the practice of law in this state and have expertise in the
31 election laws of this state, and the other of whom shall be a
32 representative of an organization with a mission of promoting voter
33 participation.

34 (c) All appointments or designations to the study group shall be
35 made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section.
36 Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or designating authority.

37 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in
39 consultation with the ranking members of such committee, shall select
40 a chairperson of the study group from among the members of the
41 study group.

42 (e) Not later than January 16, 2020, the study group shall submit a
43 report on its recommendations for the regionalization of election
44 administration to the joint standing committee of the General

45 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in
46 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
47 to the Governor and to the Secretary of the State. The study group shall
48 terminate on the date that it submits such report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsecs. (b)(3) and (b)(4), "appointed" was changed to "designated" for consistency with standard drafting conventions, and in Subsec. (c), conforming changes were made.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*