



Senate, June 3, 1971. The Committee on Elections reported through Senator Dupont of the 29th District, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DAILY CORRECTION OF ENROLMENT LISTS AND THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SEPARATE ENROLMENT LISTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-51 of the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof: On the second Friday
4 in January and on the second Friday in June in
5 each even-numbered year, the registrars of voters
6 in each town shall hold a mandatory enrolment
7 session for the purpose of making an enrolment of
8 the electors who are entitled to vote in any
9 primary or caucus in such municipality. The
10 session to be held on such second Friday in June
11 in each even-numbered year shall also be held for
12 the purpose of making such changes and corrections
13 in the enrolment lists last perfected as are
14 provided for in sections 9-54 and 9-59 to 9-64,
15 inclusive, except that, if all the registrars in
16 any such town so agree, such changes and
17 corrections shall instead be made at the session
18 to be held on the second Friday in January in any
19 such even-numbered year[.], PROVIDED IN ADDITION
20 TO SUCH SESSIONS, REGISTRARS MAY MAKE SUCH CHANGES
21 AND CORRECTIONS IN SAID LIST AT ANY OTHER TIME

22 EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS BEFORE A
23 PRIMARY, CAUCUS OR CONVENTION. In each
24 municipality in which a municipal election is held
25 in an odd-numbered year, the registrars of voters
26 of such municipality, on the Friday of the
27 fourteenth week before such election, shall hold
28 a mandatory enrolment session for the purpose of
29 making an enrolment of the electors who are
30 entitled to vote in any primary or caucus in such
31 municipality and for the purpose of making such
32 changes and corrections in the enrolment lists
33 last perfected as are provided for in said
34 sections, except that, if such Friday is a
35 holiday, such session shall be held on the
36 Thursday immediately preceding such Friday [.]
37 PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO SAID SESSION, THE
38 REGISTRARS MAY MAKE SUCH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS
39 AT ANY TIME EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS
40 BEFORE A PRIMARY, CAUCUS OR CONVENTION. [In
41 each municipality in which a municipal election is
42 not held in an odd-numbered year, the registrars
43 of voters of such municipality, on the second
44 Friday of June in each odd-numbered year, shall
45 hold a mandatory enrolment session for the purpose
46 of making an enrolment of the electors who are
47 entitled to vote in any primary or caucus in such
48 municipality and, if all the registrars in any
49 such municipality so agree, such session shall
50 also be held for the purpose of making such
51 changes and corrections in the enrolment lists
52 last perfected as are provided for in said
53 sections.] All enrolment sessions of the
54 registrars of voters shall be held in a public
55 place maintained by the municipality at such hours
56 between 12 o'clock noon and 9 o'clock p.m. as said
57 registrars prescribe, provided each such session
58 shall be held for not less than three consecutive
59 hours and provided, in any municipality divided
60 into voting districts in which an enrolment
61 session is held in each such district, the hours
62 of such session in each of the districts shall be
63 uniform. This section shall apply in each
64 municipality, the provisions of any special act to
65 the contrary notwithstanding. In municipalities
66 holding nonpartisan elections enrolment lists
67 shall be prepared as hereinbefore provided only in
68 even-numbered years except that they may be

69 prepared in odd-numbered years if all the
70 registrars in any such municipality so agree.

71 Sec. 2. Section 9-54 of the general statutes
72 is repealed and the following is substituted in
73 lieu thereof: The registrars at such sessions
74 shall compile separate lists of all qualified
75 electors making application for enrolment
76 according to the declared political preference of
77 such electors. In those towns having cities or
78 boroughs within, and not coterminous with, their
79 limits, the registrars shall prepare separate
80 lists for use in such cities or boroughs; and when
81 towns, cities or boroughs are divided into wards
82 or voting districts, then for such wards or voting
83 districts [.] , PROVIDED ANY TOWN, CITY,
84 CONSOLIDATED TOWN AND CITY, OR CONSOLIDATED TOWN
85 AND BOROUGH MAY, BY VOTE OF ITS LEGISLATIVE BODY
86 DISCONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE OF SEPARATE ENROLMENT
87 LISTS AND REQUIRE THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS TO
88 DESIGNATE THE PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, OF EACH
89 ELECTOR ON THE REGISTRY LIST WITH THE NAME OF SUCH
90 ELECTOR. Unless application for erasure or
91 transfer or enrolment in another party has been
92 made, the registrars shall continue thereon the
93 names of all qualified electors appearing upon the
94 lists last perfected; provided, when any elector
95 whose name appears upon such last-perfected list
96 has ceased to be an elector in the municipality,
97 the registrars shall erase such name. In
98 municipalities divided into voting districts or
99 wards, at any such enrolment session held for the
100 purpose of making changes or corrections on the
101 enrolment lists last perfected under section 9-51,
102 the registrars of voters or the assistant
103 registrars of voters, as the case may be, shall
104 erase from such list the name of each elector who
105 has ceased to reside in any voting district or
106 ward therein or who has moved from one voting
107 district or ward to another voting district or
108 ward in such municipality. THE REGISTRARS MAY
109 MAKE SUCH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS AT ANY OTHER
110 TIME EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS BEFORE
111 A PRIMARY, CAUCUS OR CONVENTION. In all cases
112 where an elector moves from one voting district or
113 ward to another voting district or ward in the
114 same municipality, unless otherwise provided by
115 party rule, he shall be entitled to all the
116 privileges of enrolment in the party on whose

117 enrolment list his name appears in the voting
118 district or ward in which he formerly resided
119 until the [enrolment session next held in such
120 municipality for the purpose of making changes and
121 corrections] CHANGE in enrolment list last
122 perfected under section 9-51 IS MADE. In
123 municipalities divided into voting districts or
124 wards where registrars are elected for each voting
125 district or where assistant registrars are
126 appointed for each voting district under section
127 9-192, when an erasure is made because of the
128 removal of an elector from one voting district or
129 ward to another voting district or ward in the
130 same municipality, the registrars or assistant
131 registrars making such erasure shall, within
132 twenty-four hours after the [enrolment session at
133 which such] erasure was made, report such erasure
134 to the registrars or assistant registrars of the
135 same political party in the voting district or
136 ward to which such elector has removed, if they
137 received written notice of such removal from such
138 elector or any other elector in such municipality
139 at or prior to the [session] TIME at which such
140 erasure was made and verified such notice to be
141 accurate, or if they have knowledge of the voting
142 district or ward to which such elector has
143 removed. Such registrars or assistant registrars
144 shall thereupon add such name to the list of those
145 of the same political preference in such district
146 or ward unless such elector has made application
147 for erasure or transfer or enrolment on the list
148 of another party. In all other municipalities,
149 when an erasure is made because of the removal of
150 an elector from one voting district or ward to
151 another voting district or ward in the same
152 municipality, the registrars of voters shall
153 transfer the name of such elector from the list on
154 which it appears to the enrolment list of the same
155 political party in the voting district or ward to
156 which such elector has removed unless such elector
157 has made application for erasure or transfer or
158 enrolment on the list of another party, if such
159 registrars received written notice of such removal
160 from such elector or any other elector in such
161 municipality at or prior to the [session] TIME at
162 which such erasure was made and verified such
163 notice to be accurate, or if they have knowledge
164 of the voting district or ward to which such

165 elector has removed. All such enrolment lists
166 shall be arranged in the manner provided by
167 section 9-35 for the arrangement of registry lists
168 in such town except as modified by sections 9-51
169 to 9-65, inclusive.

170 Sec. 3. Section 9-39a of the 1969 supplement
171 to the general statutes is repealed.

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Referred to Committee on ELECTIONS

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Introduced by SEN. IVES, 32ND DIST.

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SEN. CALDWELL, 23RD DIST.

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SECTION

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declared political preference of such electors. In those towns
having cities or boroughs within, and not coterminous with, their
limits, the registrars shall prepare separate lists for use in
such cities or boroughs; and when towns, cities or boroughs are
divided into wards or voting districts, then for such wards or
voting districts [.] , PROVIDED ANY TOWN, CITY, CONSOLIDATED TOWN
AND CITY, OR CONSOLIDATED TOWN AND BOROUGH MAY, BY VOTE OF ITS
LEGISLATIVE BODY DISCONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE OF SEPARATE
ENROLMENT LISTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF PART
AFFILIATION ON THE REGISTRY LIST IN CONFORMANCE WITH SECTION 9-

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39a. Unless application for erasure or transfer or enrolment in
another party has been made, the registrars shall continue
thereon the names of all qualified electors appearing upon the
lists last perfected; provided, when any elector whose name
appears upon such last-perfected list has ceased to be an elector
in the municipality, the registrars shall erase such name. In
municipalities divided into voting districts or wards, at any

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such enrolment session held for the purpose of making changes or
corrections on the enrolment lists last perfected under section
9-51, PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO SAID SESSION CHANGES AND
CORRECTIONS IN SAID LIST MAY BE MADE DAILY, the registrar of
voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may be,
shall erase from such list the name of each elector who has
ceased to reside in any voting district or ward therein or who
has moved from one voting district or ward to another voting
district or ward in such municipality. In all cases where an
elector moves from one voting district or ward to another voting
district or ward in the same municipality, unless otherwise
provided by party rule, he shall be entitled to all the
privileges of enrolment in the party on whose enrolment list his
name appears in the voting district or ward in which he formerly
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assistant registrars are appointed for each voting district under
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an elector from one voting district or ward to another voting
district or ward in the same municipality, the registrars or
assistant registrars making such erasure shall, within twenty-
four hours after the [enrolment session at which such] erasure
was made, report such erasure to the registrars or assistant
registrars of the same political party in the voting district or
ward to which such elector has removed, if they received written
notice of such removal from such elector or any other elector in
such municipality at or prior to the [session] TIME at which such
erasure was made and verified such notice to be accurate, or if
they have knowledge of the voting district or ward to which such
elector has removed. Such registrars or assistant registrars
shall thereupon add such name to the list of those of the same
political preference in such district or ward unless such elector

has made application for erasure or transfer or enrolment on the 64
list of another party. In all other municipalities, when an 65
erasure is made because of the removal of an elector from one 66
voting district or ward to another voting district or ward in the 67
same municipality, the registrars of voters shall transfer the 68
name of such elector from the list on which it appears to the 69
enrolment list of the same political party in the voting district 70
or ward to which such elector has removed unless such elector has 71
made application for erasure or transfer or enrolment on the list 72
of another party, if such registrars received written notice of 73
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they have knowledge of the voting district or ward to which such 77
elector has removed. All such enrolment lists shall be arranged 78
in the manner provided by section 9-35 for the arrangement of 79
registry lists in such town except as modified by sections 9-51 80
to 9-65, inclusive. 81

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Friday in January and on the second Friday in June in each even- 84
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a mandatory enrolment session for the purpose of making an 86
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or caucus in such municipality. The session to be held on such 88
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held for the purpose of making such changes and corrections in 90
the enrolment lists last perfected as are provided for in 91
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the registrars in any such town so agree, such changes and 93
corrections shall instead be made at the session to be held on 94
the second Friday in January in any such even-numbered year[.] , 95
PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO SUCH SESSIONS, CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS IN 96
SAID LIST MAY BE MADE DAILY. In each municipality in which a 97
municipal election is held in an odd-numbered year, the 98

registrars of voters of such municipality, on the Friday of the 91
fourteenth week before such election, shall hold a mandatory 92
enrolment session for the purpose of making an enrolment of the
electors who are entitled to vote in any primary or caucus in 93
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CORRECTIONS ON SAID LIST MAY BE MADE DAILY. In each municipality 98
in which a municipal election is not held in an odd-numbered 99
year, the registrars of voters of such municipality, on the 100
second Friday of June in each odd-numbered year, shall hold a
mandatory enrolment session for the purpose of making an 101
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or caucus in such municipality and, if all the registrars in any
such municipality so agree, such session shall also be held for 103
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CORRECTIONS IN SAID LIST MAY BE MADE DAILY. All enrolment 106
sessions of the registrars of voters shall be held in a public 107
place maintained by the municipality at such hours between 12 108
o'clock noon and 9 o'clock p.m. as said registrars prescribe,
provided each such session shall be held for not less than three 109
consecutive hours and provided, in any municipality divided into 110
voting districts in which an enrolment session is held in each 111
such district, the hours of such session in each of the districts 112
shall be uniform. This section shall apply in each municipality,
the provisions of any special act to the contrary 113
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enrolment lists shall be prepared as hereinbefore provided only 115
in even-numbered years except that they may be prepared in odd-
numbered years if all the registrars in any such municipality so 116
agree.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit daily corrections of enrolment 119
lists and to provide towns with the option of discontinuing the 120
maintenance of separate enrolment lists. 121

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 123
additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 125