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AN ACT CONCERNING RETENTION OF STATEMENTS OF APPLICANTS FOR
ADMISSION AS ELECTORS.

CONNECTICUT
STATE LIBRARY
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
SECTION

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

Section 9-20 of the 1969 supplement to the general statutes
is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

Each person who applies for admission as an elector at any
session of the board for admission of electors, or to the town
clerk, or to either of the registrars of voters under section 9-
19b, shall, upon a form or forms approved by the secretary of the
state, signed by the applicant, state under oath his name,
residence, birthplace, date of birth, whether he is a United
States citizen, how long he has continuously resided in the town
in which he so applies, whether his privileges as an elector are
forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, whether he has
previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this state,
whether single, married, widow or widower, and, if the applicant
is a married woman, her maiden name. Such statement shall be
delivered to the registrars immediately and shall be kept by the
registrars as a public record in a safe depository, EXCEPT THAT
ANY SUCH STATEMENT OF AN ELECTOR WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN REMOVED
FROM THE REGISTRY LIST FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS MAY BE
DESTROYED IF SUCH STATEMENT HAS BEEN PHOTOCOPIED BY A PROCESS
APPROVED BY THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Upon the request
of any elector of such town, at the time application is made or

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prior to its approval by the board, the board or the town clerk 37
 or the registrar shall require the applicant to prove his 38
 identity, place of birth, age and residence by the testimony
 under oath of at least one elector or by the presentation of 39
 proof satisfactory to said board or town clerk or registrar. 40
 [Before his admission each applicant shall read any article of 41
 the constitution or any section of the statutes of the state in
 such manner as to show that he is not prompted nor reciting from 42
 memory. Either registrar, if such registrar so demands, may 43
 select any article of the constitution or any section of the 44
 statutes of the state to be read by the applicant.] Each person
 found qualified may take the oath provided for electors and shall 45
 thereupon be admitted as an elector, except as provided in 46
 section 9-19b. Any member of the board, including an assistant 47
 town clerk or a deputy registrar or any other officer designated 48
 by and acting for a member of such board pursuant to the
 provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-15a, and either 49
 registrar may administer oaths in any matter coming before the 50
 board for admission of electors and either registrar may 51
 administer oaths in any matter coming before them under section
 9-19b. Said board shall prohibit any activity which interferes 52
 with the orderly process of admission of electors. 53

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit the destruction or microfilming 56
 of these statements five years after the electors' names have 57
 been removed from the registry lists. 58

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 60
 additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 62