

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
Elections Services Division
PO Box 150470
165 Capitol Ave
Hartford CT 06115-0470

CANVASS OF ELECTORS

STATEMENT OF REGISTRARS AS TO COMPLETION
(§ 9-32(c))

We, the undersigned Registrars, hereby state under penalty of false statement that the canvass of electors required under Section 9-32 of the General Statutes of Connecticut was properly conducted between January 2, 2023 and April 30, 2023, inclusive, on the date(s) specified below and by the method indicated in the:

TOWN OF Torrington

METHOD:

House-to-House Canvass

~~Mail Canvass~~

National Change of Address System of the U.S. Postal Service

Telephone Canvass

Combination of House-to-House, Mail and Telephone Canvass as specified and explained here:

DATE(S) CONDUCTED: 1/3/23 - 4/3/23

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August 26, 2024

Mayor Elinor Carbone
140 Main Street
Torrington, CT 0

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September 6, 2024

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Exhibit A – CT State Statute Sec. 9-192a

Sec. 9-192a. Secretary of the State to establish program and criteria for certification of registrars. Committee to advise Secretary on programs and procedures for training, examining and certifying registrars, deputies and assistants. Training program for poll workers. (a)(1) The Secretary of the State shall, in consultation with the advisory committee created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, establish a program and criteria for the certification of registrars of voters. All registrars taking such office on or before July 1, 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for certification not later than July 1, 2017. Any registrar taking such office after July 1, 2015, shall complete such program and satisfy such criteria for certification (A) in the case of a two-year term, not later than the conclusion of such term, and (B) in the case of a four-year term, not later than two years after the date of first holding such office, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Each municipality shall pay on behalf of such municipality's registrar of voters the cost of completing such program and satisfying such criteria for certification.

(2) If a deputy registrar becomes registrar, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-192, on or after the ninetieth day prior to a state election, as defined in section 9-1, such new registrar shall complete an abridged program prescribed by the Secretary of the State for a provisional certification. Completion of such abridged program and receipt of a provisional certification shall not be deemed to satisfy the requirements for certification described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification. Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said Secretary to conduct such training. Any registrar who fails to satisfy such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

(b) There is created an advisory committee for the purpose of establishing programs and procedures for training, examining and certifying registrars of voters, deputy registrars of voters and assistant registrars of voters, as described in section 9-192. The committee shall consist of six members, one of whom shall be from the office of the Secretary of the State, one of whom shall be from the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and four of whom shall be registrars of voters. The Secretary of the State shall appoint the registrars of voters, in consultation with the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut, or its successor organization. The committee members shall serve without pay. The Secretary of the State shall determine the length of the terms of the initial members, in accordance with the following: Two of such members shall serve for a one-year term; two of such members shall serve for a two-year term; and two of such members shall serve for a four-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve for four-year terms. The committee shall select a chairperson, who shall be one of the registrars who is a member of the committee.

(c) The Secretary of the State, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall adopt criteria for the training, examination and certification requirements of registrars pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. In advising the Secretary of the State on the adoption of such criteria, the committee (1) shall consider whether the prescribed training leading to certification may, in part, be satisfied through participation in the required two conferences a year called by the Secretary of the State, pursuant to section 9-6, for purposes of discussing the election laws, procedures or matters related

Exhibit A – CT State Statute Sec. 9-192a

to election laws and procedures, and (2) may recommend programs at one or more institutions of higher education that satisfy such criteria. Any deputy or assistant registrar of voters may participate in the course of training prescribed by the Secretary for certification as a certified Connecticut registrar of voters. The Secretary of the State shall certify any individual who completes such training and successfully completes any examination or examinations prescribed by the Secretary as a certified Connecticut registrar of voters.

(d) The advisory committee shall also (1) develop a training program in election procedures for poll workers, and (2) develop an election law and procedures training program and guide for registrars, deputy registrars and assistant registrars. The training program developed under subdivision (2) of this subsection shall provide for training to be conducted by trained registrars or former registrars hired for such purpose by the Secretary of the State. The committee shall submit such training programs and training guide to the Secretary of the State, who shall approve or modify the programs and guide.

(P.A. 98-67, S. 6, 10; P.A. 05-235, S. 20; P.A. 06-196, S. 54; P.A. 15-224, S. 2.)

History: P.A. 98-67 effective July 1, 1998; P.A. 05-235 divided provisions of existing Subsec. (a) into new Subsecs. (a) and (b), included existing Subsecs. (b) and (c) in new Subsec. (b) and made technical changes therein, and added new Subsec. (c) requiring committee to develop training program in election procedures for poll workers and an election law and procedures training program and guide for registrars, deputies and assistants, effective July 1, 2005; P.A. 06-196 made technical changes in Subsec. (b), effective June 7, 2006; P.A. 15-224 added new Subsec. (a) re establishment of and criteria for mandatory certification program for registrars of voters, provisional certification for deputy registrars that succeed registrar on or after 90 days before state election and annual training for maintenance of certification, redesignated existing Subsecs. (a) to (c) as Subsecs. (b) to (d), amended redesignated Subsec. (b) to change “committee” to “advisory committee” and change “permanent assistants” to “assistant registrars of voters”, amended redesignated Subsec. (c) to replace reference to permanent assistant with reference to assistant registrar of voters, delete provision re committee's duty to recommend certification of individual to Secretary of the State upon individual's successful completion of training and examination, delete provision re Secretary's authority to rescind certification upon finding of sufficient cause by committee, and delete provision re certification of registrars not required by Subsec., and made conforming and technical changes, effective July 7, 2015.

Exhibit B



ResearchReport

Documenting Completion of the Canvass of Electors

By: Kristin Sullivan, Chief Analyst
August 31, 2020 | 2020-R-0228

Issue

Discuss the requirement under Connecticut law for municipalities to document their annual canvass of electors.

Summary

By law, registrars of voters must conduct an annual canvass of electors, between January 1 and May 1, to gather information about electors' residency and eligibility to remain on the voter registry list (CGS § 9-32 and Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 9-32-1 to 9-32-9). (Registrars in municipalities holding May municipal elections are not required to conduct a canvass in odd-numbered years.) Registrars may conduct the canvass by door-to-door canvassing, mail or the U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address system, telephone, or a combination of these methods.

State law requires registrars of voters to document the canvass with the secretary of the state. Specifically, no later than 30 days after each regular election, the registrars must file a form with the secretary indicating that the canvass was conducted before the election in accordance with the law's requirements. The secretary prescribes the form, which specifies the canvass methods and dates (see Statement of Completion of Canvass, Form ED-632).

Each registrar of voters must sign the form under penalty of false statement. False statement is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both (CGS § 53a-157b).

(For more information on how registrars of voters maintain the voter registry list, see OLR Report 2016-R-0079.)

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Linda Szykowitz

From: Michael Magistrali <Michael_Magistrali@torringtonct.org>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Linda Szykowitz
Cc: Melissa Russell; Elinor C. Carbone; Maurette Wall; Barbara Saladin
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

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Ms. Szykowitz: We have no additional materials responsive to your request. Thank you.

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From: Maurette Wall <Maurette_Wall@torringtonct.org>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 8:36 AM
To: Linda Szynkowitz
Subject: Automatic reply: FOIA Request

Greetings - I am out of the office and return on Monday, September 9th. If you need immediate assistance please call the office during work hours at 860.489.2228. Thank you, and I hope you have a great day.

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