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DUPLICATE VOTER INSTRUCTIONS

TO: ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS UTILIZING THE CENTRALIZED
VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

FROM: LEGISLATION AND ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

RE: DUPLICATE VOTERS

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2019

Connecticut General Statutes §9-21a requires the Secretary of the State to search the State of Connecticut's centralized voter registration records to identify electors who "may" be registered in more than one town. The secretary may compile from such a search a list of "possible" duplicate registrations in any town or towns and transmit such list to the registrars of voters of the appropriate town or towns. Upon receipt of such list, the registrars may make such additional investigation as they deem necessary to determine if any elector in their town whose name appears on such list was previously registered in another town.

Attached to this memo you will find a copy of the relevant section of the Connecticut General Statutes, the necessary form, "Notice of Duplicate Voter Registration" (ED 685), and detailed instructions regarding the procedure to use when investigating and, if applicable, removing such voters from your registry lists. You should have already received a list of possible duplicate voters for your town via e-mail from our office.

During this duplicate voter registration process it is necessary for both registrars of voters to work in conjunction with one another. Connecticut General Statutes §9-21a provides that only when both registrars of voters agree that a particular voter was previously registered to vote in another town can such voter's name be removed from the active registry list of such town.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this procedure please contact us at (860) 509-6100.

In compliance with Connecticut General Statutes §9-21a the Secretary of the State has searched the computerized voter registration records to identify electors who may be registered in more than one town. As required by statute, we have sent you a list of possible duplicate registrations in your town. Upon receipt of this list the registrars may make such additional investigation as they deem necessary to determine if any elector in their town whose name appears on such list was previously registered in another town. The duplicate voter process is discussed in more detail below.

- I) The Secretary of the State prepares a list of **possible** duplicate voters on the active and inactive lists of the State of Connecticut's Centralized Voter Registration System. These **possible** duplicate voters will appear in more than one town on the Centralized Voter Registration System.
- II) The Secretary of the State forwards such list to any town that may have **possible** duplicate voters.
- III) Upon receipt of such list, the registrars of voters **may** make such additional investigation, as they deem necessary to determine whether such voters are in fact duplicate voters. (It is strongly recommended that the registrars of voters in **both** towns discuss and investigate any possible duplicate voters to ensure a proper determination will be made.)
- IV) If it is determined that a particular voter is in fact a duplicate voter, the registrars of voters of the current town will send the "Notice of Duplicate Voter Registration" (Attached hereto as Form ED 685). *(If the voter does not sign and return form ED 685 within 30 days indicating such voter is entitled to remain on the active voting list of the town that sent the notice, such notice can have the effect of a cancellation.)*
- V) If the voter does not sign and return form ED 685 within 30 days, and the voter's name is on the active list, the registrars of voters who sent such notice shall transfer the voter's name to the "**off**" list.
- VI) If the voter does not sign and return form ED 685 within 30 days, and the voter's name is on the inactive list, the registrars of voters who sent such notice shall transfer the voter's name to the "**off**" list.
- VII) If the voter was on the active list and signs and returns form ED 685 within 30 days, such voter shall remain on the active list.
- VIII) If the voter was on the inactive list and signs and returns form ED 685 within 30 days, such voter shall be restored to the active list in such town.

§ 9-21a. Search of computerized voter registration records. Duplicate registrations

- (a) The Secretary of the State, at such times as the Secretary determines, may cause a search to be made of computerized voter registration records to identify electors who may be registered in more than one town. The Secretary may compile, from such search, a list of possible duplicate registrations in any town or towns and transmit such list to the registrars of voters of the appropriate town or towns.
- (b) Upon receipt of such list from the Secretary, the registrars may make such additional investigation as they deem necessary to determine if any elector in their town whose name appears on such list was previously registered in another town. The registrars of voters shall send to each elector on the registry list in their town, who the registrars of voters determine to be the same person who was previously registered in another town, a notice of duplicate registration in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State stating that (1) based on a computer search of voter registration records it appears that the elector may have been registered to vote in another town before registering in the registrars' town, (2) as the result of such previous registration, the elector is no longer entitled to remain on the registry list in the previous town, and (3) unless the elector contacts the registrars of voters within thirty days to confirm that the elector is still entitled to be on the registry list in the previous town, the elector's name shall be removed from the list. The notice of duplicate registration shall include a form on which the elector may confirm that the elector is entitled to be on an active registry list because the elector is a bona fide resident of the registrars' town and either is not the person whose name appears on the registry list of another town, or has registered in the registrars' town after registering in any other town.
- (c) When an elector whose name appears on the inactive list files the confirmation provided for in this section, the elector's name shall be restored to the active list. No elector shall be removed from the registry list pursuant to this section unless both registrars of voters agree that such elector has subsequently registered to vote in another town.

Don't RISK Your Right to Vote
Return this to Registrars of Voters noted below within 30 days

Prescribed by the Secretary of the State—ED 685A
(Español en otro lado)

NOTICE OF DUPLICATE VOTER REGISTRATION	RETURN TO:	REGISTRARS OF VOTERS ADDRESS CITY, ST ZIP	TOWN OF [NEW TOWN]	DATE SENT	[DATE]
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[Voter Name]
[Voter Address]
[Voter Registration Date/Privilege Date NEW Town]
Date of Birth: [DOB]

Based on a computer search of voter registration records, it appears that your name also appears on the voter registration list in [OLD TOWN], [OLD ADDRESS].

**Please select the appropriate statement below, sign and return within 30 days
to the Registrars' address above.**

To the Registrars of Voters of the above Town:

I confirm that I am entitled to remain on the active voting list of [NEW TOWN] because I am a **bona fide resident of [NEW TOWN] and**
(Check one)

[] I am the person whose name currently appears on the registry list of [OLD TOWN]. Please remove me from the voter registration list of [OLD TOWN].

OR

[] I am not the person whose name currently appears on the registry list of [OLD TOWN]

[] other (specify) _____

Signature of Voter

Date Signed

There are errors in my registration information as noted above. Please send me a voter registration card so I may submit those corrections. (please check if applies)

Any questions, call the Registrars of Voters at [PHONE]

Prescrito por la Oficina del Secretario del Estado
(En Inglés al reverso)

AVISO DE DUPLICACIÓN EN
EL REGISTRO DE ELECTORES

INSCRIPTOR DE ELECTORES (dirección)

PUEBLO DE

FECHA DE ENVÍO
DEL AVISO

Nombre
Dirección
Fecha de Nacimiento

Basados en una búsqueda en los archivos del registro de electores en la computadora aparece que usted se ha inscrito para votar en otro pueblo. Su nombre será removido de la lista de electores del pueblo antes mencionado, a menos que, en un plazo de 30 días usted llame o visite la oficina del inscriptor de electores arriba mencionada y confirme que todavía tiene derecho a estar en la lista de electores en el pueblo arriba mencionado.

Devuelva el Formulario de Elector para Confirmar que el Elector Continúa Siendo Residente de buena fé del Pueblo Arriba Mencionado

A la Oficina del Inscriptor de Electores del Pueblo arriba mencionado:

Confirмо que tengo el derecho a permanecer en la lista activa de electores del pueblo antes citado **ya que soy residente de buena fé del pueblo arriba mencionado y**

(Marque uno)

- Yo no soy la persona cuyo nombre aparece en la lista de registro de otro pueblo;
ó
 Me inscribí en el pueblo arriba mencionado después de haberme inscrito en cualquier otro pueblo;
ú
 otro (especifique)

Firma del Elector

Fecha de la Firma

No Pierda Su Derecho al voto. Enviémos éste aviso a la Oficina del Inscriptor del Votantes del pueblo arriba mencionado.

Para cualquier pregunta llame a la oficina del inscriptor de electores al número de teléfono: