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CONNECTICUT MOVES STEP CLOSER TO JOINING 7
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BYSIEWICZ APPLAUDS LAWMAKERS FOR MOVING INITIATIVE OUT OF COMMITTEE,
NOW URGES FULL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROVE IT

Hartford: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is pleased that Connecticut is one step closer to approving Election Day Registration, joining the 7 other states in the nation that allow voters to register on the day of the election. Today (March 28th) the Government Administration and Elections Committee (GAE) voted 10-3 to approve the measure (SB-1312).

“Allowing people to register to vote on the day of an election is a proven way to increase voter participation,” said Bysiewicz. “We already have a system in place that would prevent the potential for fraud, so there is no reason not to do this.”

The states that allow same-day registration average a turnout of approximately 48 percent, compared to 37 percent in states where voters are required to register days or weeks ahead of time.

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