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SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE STATE JAMES F. SPALLONE IN SUPPORT OF RAISED
BILL NO. 303,
"AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF EDUCATION"

While reviewing the text of this bill as currently drafted, our office noticed a slight problem in Sec. 3. As written, the bill provides that the Secretary of the State and the Town Clerk be given 175 days notice of the conclusion of the term of a reconstituted board. It then states that "Upon the conclusion of such period of reconstitution, the electoral process shall commence in accordance with section 9-164…". As written, there would be no board of education between the conclusion of the term of the takeover board and the election of the new board.

We would like to suggest the following correction to this section of the bill. (New language is underscored.)

(3) Not later than one hundred seventy-five days before the conclusion of the term of the reconstituted board of education, the commissioner shall notify the town clerk in the school district, or in the case of a regional board of education, the town clerk of each member town, and the office of the Secretary of the State of the date that such period of reconstitution will conclude. Upon ~~the conclusion of such period of reconstitution~~ <u>receipt of such notice by the town clerk or town clerks, as the case may be, and the Secretary of the State</u>, the electoral process shall commence in accordance with the provisions of section 9-164, except that if such notice is delivered before the time specified in section 9-391 to nominate candidates for municipal office in the year of a municipal election, such offices may be placed on the ballot of a regular election, as defined in section 9-1, with the approval of the legislative body of the municipality. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 146 and section 10-46, the legislative body of the municipality or municipalities involved shall determine the terms of office of the new members to be elected for such office.

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