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# SECRETARY MERRILL RECEIVES REP. HURLBURT'S RESIGNATION

GOVERNOR MALLOY WILL HAVE 10 DAYS FROM FRIDAY TO ISSUE WRIT OF  
SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN 53<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today officially received a letter of resignation from State Representative Bryan Hurlburt of Tolland. The resignation will take effect at 12:00 p.m. noon on Friday April 19, 2013. Representative Hurlburt currently represents the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly district that includes Ashford, Tolland, and Willington. Under state law, Governor Dannel P. Malloy will have until April 29, 2013 to issue a Writ of Special Election to choose Representative Hurlburt's successor to represent constituents in the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly District. That special election must be held 46 days after the writ of Special Election is issued.

"I have received Representative Bryan Hurlburt's letter of resignation as a member of the General Assembly and this will create a vacancy as of Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official. "My office has notified Governor Malloy of Representative Hurlburt's resignation, and the governor will have until April 29<sup>th</sup> to issue a writ of special election so the citizens of the 53<sup>rd</sup> district can choose a successor to Representative Hurlburt. On a personal level, I want to wish my friend Bryan good luck with his new position in the US Department of Agriculture. He has served his constituents in the 53<sup>rd</sup> district admirably and we will miss him in the General Assembly."

The 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly district covers Ashford, Tolland and Willington in Eastern Connecticut. According to Connecticut state law, major parties have until 36 days prior to the special election to endorse candidates. Petitioning candidates have eight days after the Writ of Special Election is issued to turn in signatures to get on the ballot. In order to qualify to get on the ballot, petitioning candidates must turn in a number of signatures equivalent to 1% of the total number of voters who cast ballots for that seat in the previous election, and signatures must be from registered voters in the district.