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MERRILL: SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN 53RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SET FOR TUESDAY JUNE 11TH

SECRETARY OF THE STATE HAS SIGNED WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION FROM
GOVERNOR DANIEL MALLOY; MAJOR PARTIES HAVE UNTIL MAY 6TH TO
ENDORSE CANDIDATES

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today announced that a special election to fill a legislative vacancy in the 53rd General Assembly District will take place on Tuesday June 11, 2013. The vacancy was created when former State Representative Bryan Hurlburt of Tolland resigned on April 16th to take a position with the administration of President Barack Obama in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Services Bureau. The 53rd Assembly District comprises the towns of Tolland, Ashford, and Willington. Secretary Merrill today received and signed a Writ of Special Election issued by Governor Dannel P. Malloy as required by Connecticut state law. By law, the special election must be held 46 days after the Writ of Special Election is issued, which falls on Tuesday, June 11th.

“We are now on an accelerated timetable to choose a replacement for Representative Hurlburt, whom we all wish well,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut chief elections official. “The major parties now have until May 6th to endorse candidates for this State House seat. Petitioning candidates must also turn in nominating petitions to town clerks offices or the Secretary of the State’s office by that same day. I urge eligible voters in the 53rd district to register as soon as possible so you can cast a ballot and choose someone to represent you in Hartford, where important decisions on the state budget and other crucial matters are being made. The final voter registration deadline for this special election in the 53rd district will be Monday June 10th, the day before the special election.”

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on June 11, 2013 in Tolland, Willington and Ashford for the 53rd Assembly District special election. 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.