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# MERRILL: POLLS NOW OPEN FOR 53<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN WILLINGTON,  
ASHFORD AND TOLLAND TO CAST BALLOTS TO FILL STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
VACANCY

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded voters in the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly District covering the towns of Ashford, Willington and Tolland that as of 6:00 a.m. this morning, polls are now open for a Special Election to fill a vacancy in the house district created by the resignation of Democrat Bryan Hurlburt on April 19, 2013. Former Representative Hurlburt resigned to take a position with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. The polls will be open until 8:00 p.m. tonight. Anyone encountering problems at the polls can contact either the Secretary of the State's office at 860-509-6100 or the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-256-2940 or by sending an email to [elections@ct.gov](mailto:elections@ct.gov). Democrat Anthony J. Horn and Republican Sam Belsito are the two candidates on the ballot.

“With polls now open, it is important that voters in the 53<sup>rd</sup> district go out and vote,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections officer. “Significant decisions are being made in Hartford that will affect all of us, so I encourage voters in the 53<sup>rd</sup> district: make sure you have a voice in who represents you in state government. Voters can not only call us but contact us through email either from home or by a mobile device should any problems arise at the polls today. We will respond to any situation as quickly as possible.”

Voters who call or email with issues at the polls can either state their name or report problems anonymously; but are asked to state the town and polling place where they are observing the situation and provide as many specifics or details as they can. This would greatly assist the State Elections Enforcement Commission or the Secretary of the State’s staff to address the issue and find a solution as quickly as possible. Voters can also go to the Secretary of the State’s website [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located.