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SECRETARY MERRILL RECEIVES RESIGNATION FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SCRIBNER

GOVERNOR WILL HAVE 10 DAYS FROM TOMORROW TO ISSUE WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO
FILL LEGISLATIVE VACANCY IN HOUSE DISTRICT 107

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is reporting today that she has officially received the resignation of State Representative David Scribner (R-107), which was effective at the close of business yesterday. Representative Scribner won re-election to the Connecticut General Assembly, yet by resigning as of yesterday he will not be sworn into his new term when the 2015 session convenes this morning. As such, the vacancy in the 107th district covering the town of Brookfield and parts of Danbury and Bethel occurs as of today. According to Connecticut election laws Governor Dannel P. Malloy has until January 17, 2015 to issue a Writ of Special Election setting a date for a special election to choose a successor to Representative Scribner. That special election must be held in the 107th district 46 days after the writ is issued.

“We will now have a third special election so far this year to fill a legislative vacancy,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “My office has officially notified Governor Malloy of Representative Scribner’s resignation, and as soon as the governor issues the Writ of Special Election for the 107th House District, we will notify election officials in Brookfield, Danbury and Bethel when the special election will take place to choose the new Representative to serve citizens of the district.”

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.