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HHD-CV26-6227329-S	:	SUPERIOR COURT
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JOHN SANTANELLA,	:	JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
Plaintiff	:	HARTFORD
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v.	:	
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BETH JEREZ, ET AL.	:	
Defendants	:	JULY 31, 2026

**ORDER RE: SPECIAL PRIMARY IN THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL
ASSEMBLY 58th HOUSE DISTRICT**

The Supreme Court issued an order reversing this Court's previous judgment for the Plaintiff and ordering that a special primary be held in the 58th House District of the Connecticut General Assembly. *See Santanella v. Jerez, et al.*, SC 21275. Pursuant to that Order and by agreement of the parties, this Court orders that a special primary be held on September 1, 2026. This Court hereby orders the following procedure for the special primary. This order shall, where inconsistent with General Statutes, supersede any other dates or requirements set forth in the General Statutes for primary or general elections.

It is ordered that:

1. A special primary in the 58th House of Representative District of the Connecticut General Assembly shall be held on Tuesday, September 1st during the normally required polling hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (the "Special Primary").
2. Municipal Clerks and Registrars of Voters in the Town of Enfield (collectively "Municipal election officials") shall publish notice to the public of the Special Primary on August 12, 2026.
3. Municipal election officials shall hold an enrollment session on August 25, 2026, for at least 2 consecutive hours for the purpose of making an enrollment of the electors who are entitled to vote in the Special Primary. This order modifies Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-51 to the extent that the enrollment session is held seven days prior to the Special Primary.
4. The registrars of voters shall designate primary officials by Tuesday, August 25, 2026. The registrars of voters shall use their best efforts to retain as primary officials in the Special Primary those individuals who acted as primary officials at the August 11, 2026 primary election, or at another election in their respective municipality. If the registrars of

voters deem it necessary to retain a primary official who has not previously acted in that capacity, the registrars, or their designees, shall provide individualized training to the election official and need not provide formal training required under the General Statutes.

5. The municipal clerk shall file a printed sample ballot with the Secretary of State on or before August 25, 2026.

6. The municipal election officials shall order newly printed ballots for the Special Primary as soon as practicable, but no later than August 6, 2026.

7. The municipal clerk shall make absentee ballots available on or before August 14, 2026.

8. Absentee ballot drop boxes shall be made available on the day the municipal clerk makes the absentee ballots available and no later than August 14, 2026.

9. Beginning on the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls on September 1, 2026, the municipal clerk or their designee shall retrieve from the secure drop box each such ballot deposited in such drop box.

10. The registration deadline for mail-in, online, and DMV and other VRA agencies registrations is August 14, 2026, and shall be conducted in the manner required by the General Statutes.

11. Municipal election officials shall use regularly available absentee ballot envelopes, with unique ballot ID numbers, for all absentee ballots. Officials shall maintain a log of each absentee ballot issued to each absentee ballot applicant in the Special Primary in the same manner as otherwise required by the General Statutes.

12. Any supervised balloting shall occur on or before Friday, August 21, 2026.

13. Any voting tabulator memory stick to be used at the Special Primary shall be programmed for the Special Primary before the testing of any voting tabulators and no later than Saturday, August 22, 2026.

14. Candidates for nomination in the Special Primary shall submit to registrars of voters a list of unofficial checkers on or before 6 a.m. Sunday, August 30, 2026.

15. Testing of any voting tabulator to be used at the Special Primary shall be done on or before Sunday, August 23, 2026. Municipal election officials shall use their best efforts to provide the public with notice of the testing of any voting tabulator to be used at the Special Primary.

16. The period of early voting shall begin on Monday, August 24th from the hours of 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and shall continue each day until Sunday, August 30, 2026, with

extended early voting hours on August 25 and 28, where the hours shall be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

17. The canvass of the results of the Special Primary shall be conducted immediately after the close of the polls on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, and shall be conducted in the manner required by the General Statutes.

18. Any disputes regarding the canvass of the Special Primary shall be brought to the attention of this Court on the night of the canvass but no later than Friday, September 4, 2026. This Court shall retain jurisdiction in this matter until such time as a Democratic candidate for the 58th House District in the November 3, 2026, election has been duly nominated.

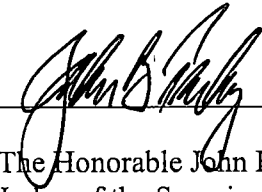
19. Any statutorily required recanvass of the results of the Special Primary shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

20. Municipal election officials shall certify a result of the Special Primary on or before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026. The officials shall provide that certification to the Secretary of the State via electronic mail within one hour of the certification by municipal election officials.

21. Any challenge to the results of the Special Primary, the conduct of the primary, or the certification of the result of the election shall be brought before this Court ~~and this Judge~~ on or before 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026. JBR

22. If such challenge is brought, this Court shall conduct a hearing on the challenge at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, in Hartford Superior Court.

So Ordered this the 31st day of July, 2026.


The Honorable John B. Farley
Judge of the Superior Court