

SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 TRINITY STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06106

To: Town Clerk – Town of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth,
Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook
From: LEAD – Office of the Secretary of the State
Date: April 12, 2017
Re: Special Election – Judge of Probate

We received from the Honorable Dannel P. Malloy a copy of a Writ of Election dated April 5, 2017 ordering a special election to be held on November 7, 2017 for the office of Judge of Probate in the Saybrook Probate District to fill the vacancy that will exist due to the retirement of the Judge of such Probate District effective July, 28, 2018.

Since the Saybrook Probate District is composed of the Towns of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook, the office of Judge of Probate is a “district office” within the definition of Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-372(4).

The timetable for this special election will be the same as that for offices being contested at the November 7, 2017 municipal election, so please refer to the Election Calendar previously sent to you. Please note in particular that party endorsements by major political parties must be made not earlier than July 18, 2017 and not later than July 25, 2017 and certified to the Secretary of the State not later than 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2017. The delegates who were chosen and attended the endorsing convention in 2014 will be the same delegates used to attend the endorsing convention in 2017 for this special election. You should include this office on your list of offices to be filed with our office. If you have already filed your list of offices with our office, you should amend such list to now include this office.

Under the provisions of §9-174, the polls at the special election to be held on November 7th will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. In accordance with §9-218, we are enclosing a “Suggested Form of Warning” of the special election.

In accordance with discretion vested in this office under §9-251, we have prescribed that when a vacancy in the office of Judge of Probate is to be filled at the time of a regular municipal election, the office of Judge of Probate shall appear first on the ballot before all other offices.

Consequently, at the election to be held in your town on November 7, 2017, the office of "Judge of Probate To Fill Vacancy" will appear in the first column on the ballot.

May we also point out that the heading on your ballot will be "Special and Municipal Election". The term of the Judge of Probate to Fill Vacancy will be from November 7, 2017 to January 9, 2019.

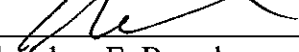
Generally speaking, the provisions of our statutes (such as the absentee voting law, the campaign finance law, etc.) applicable to state elections will apply to the coming special election.

May we also emphasize that under Conn. Gen. State. §9-453a anyone desiring a nominating petition in connection with the coming special election must apply to the Secretary of the State as required in §9-453b, and any such petition, in accordance with the requirements of §9-453d, must contain a number of signatures of qualified electors of your town equal to 1% of the votes cast for the same office at the last-preceding election (being 256 signatures).

If you have any questions in connection with the above, or if this office can be of service in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at (860) 509-6100.

Sincerely,

Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

By: 
Theodore E. Bromley
Staff Attorney

Enclosures

cc: Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
Honorable Paul J. Knierim, Probate Court Administrator
Registrars of Voters
Republican and Democratic State Central Committees

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

SUGGESTED FORM OF WARNING
FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE SPECIAL ELECTION

The electors of the Town of _____ are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, the day of the state election, for the purpose of also casting their votes for Judge of Probate to Fill Vacancy for the Saybrook Probate District.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Voting District

Location of Polling Place

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location: _____.*

Voting machines will be used. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dated at _____, Connecticut, this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Town Clerk/Assistance Town Clerk

*Include only when central counting has been designated under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-147a

To be filed with the SECRETARY OF THE STATE immediately following nomination and not later than JULY 26, 2017.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTY ENDORSEMENT

At the (check one) _____ town committee meeting
_____ caucus of the _____ Party for the
_____ convention (party name)

_____ Probate District held at _____ on the _____ day
of _____, 2017, I was endorsed as a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate
(location of meeting)
for said district, for the Special Election to be held on November 7, 2017, and I authorize my
name to appear on the ballot as printed or typed below:

(Print or Type Name
as you authorize it
to appear on ballot)

(Full Residence Address
--Street)

(Town/Zip)

Dated at _____, Connecticut, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Signature of Candidate

ATTESTED BY:

Signature of Presiding Officer

OR

Signature of Secretary