



TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

March 12, 2010

CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports Raised Senate Bill 363 "*An Act Concerning Polling Places for Primaries*".

This bill would allow registrars of voters to designate fewer polling places for primaries.

There are large expenses associated with each polling place that has to be opened for voting – programming of machines, staff, etc. Primaries historically turn out fewer voters and this option would allow local election officials to make the decision most appropriate for their community.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report*** this bill.

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