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"AN ACT ELIMINATING MUNICIPAL MANDATES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 [In] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
6 section, in each municipality or voting district, the polling place or
7 places for [primaries] a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450,
8 inclusive, shall be the same as those used for the election to be held.
9 When unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote
10 in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their
11 primaries in the same room of each such polling place.

12 (b) The registrars of voters of a municipality may reduce the
13 number of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section

14 and shall designate such polling place or places not later than sixty
15 days prior to a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive,
16 the location of which may be the same as or different from the location
17 of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section. Not
18 earlier than sixty days prior to such primary, but not later than forty-
19 five days prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the
20 Secretary of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an
21 office in such primary of the change in the polling place or places. If a
22 candidate petitions for nomination to an office after the registrars of
23 voters have notified candidates of such change, the registrars shall
24 immediately notify the petitioning candidate of such change. If any
25 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the
26 candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not later than
27 four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary. Such
28 notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written letter,
29 signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the
30 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters
31 and any candidate seeking nomination to an office in such primary
32 that the Secretary has received a letter of objection, which notification
33 shall not identify the candidate who objected. If such a candidate so
34 objects, or if a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a
35 polling place or places for a primary, the polling place or places shall
36 be the same as those used for the election to be held. Not later than
37 twenty-five days prior to a primary, the registrars of voters shall send
38 notification of the polling place for the primary, by mail, to each elector
39 whose polling place for the primary will be different than the elector's
40 polling place for the election, except that no registrar of voters shall be
41 required to so notify an elector for any subsequent primary, provided
42 the primary polling place for such elector remains the same as that
43 which was provided for in the initial notification. If any polling place
44 that would otherwise be open pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
45 is closed pursuant to this subsection, the registrars of voters shall
46 ensure that a sign is posted at such polling place providing electors
47 with information to redirect the electors to the open polling place or
48 places for the primary. When unaffiliated electors are authorized

49 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, both
 50 parties shall hold their primaries in the same room of each such polling
 51 place. Notwithstanding any provision of title 7 or this title, any special
 52 act, charter or ordinance, if the number of polling places is reduced
 53 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the number of
 54 moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if the registrars
 55 of voters so agree, provided at least one certified moderator serves
 56 each polling place.

57 (c) On the day of the primary, the polls shall remain open for voting
 58 from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-438