



**GAE Hearings on Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Allow for Early Voting
and Extending the Hours of Same Day Registration**

Call to Action – Contact members of GAE Committee before the March 15, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. hearing on two bills that call for a Constitutional Amendment to allow for Early Voting and Extending the Hours for Same Day Registration

Please contact members of the GAE <https://www.cga.ct.gov/gae/>, ask them to support legislation to allow for early voting in Connecticut and extend the hours for election day registration.

HJ 28 - Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Permit Early Voting.

SJ 31 - Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Allow Early Voting.

The general assembly may provide by law for voting in person in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an election (1) by qualified voters of the state who do not appear at the polling place on the day of election, (2) for a minimum of eight hours on each day for not less than two days and not more than five days during the fourteen days prior to such day of election, and (3) in the city or town of which such qualified voters are inhabitants.

Talking Point: Currently limited excuse absentee balloting is the only form of early voting allowed in Connecticut. Every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; early voting will enhance efforts to maximize voter participation. *Support* resolutions to amend the state constitution, to vest the General Assembly with the authority to create an early voting system.

SB 411 - An Act Extending the Hours of Election Day Registration.

To permit applicants in line for election day registration prior to eight o'clock p.m. to be admitted as electors and cast a vote in a regular election.

Talking Point: The number of voters wishing to use election day registration can be highly unpredictable, creating the possibility for long lines and many citizens denied the opportunity to register and vote. Please *support SB411*, which allows individuals in line before 8:00 to register and vote.

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