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BYSIEWICZ: SPECIAL ELECTION FOR 70TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SET FOR MARCH 2ND

SECRETARY OF THE STATE RECEIVED WRIT FROM GOVERNOR – PARTIES IN NAUGATUCK HAVE 11 DAYS TO ENDORSE CANDIDATES

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today announced that the Special Election to fill the legislative seat left vacant by the resignation of State Representative Kevin DelGobbo in the 70th General Assembly district will be held on Monday March 2, 2009. Representative Delgobbo resigned from office on Tuesday January 6, 2009. Secretary Bysiewicz received the Writ of Special Election this afternoon from Governor Jodi Rell and by law the election must take place within 46 days. The 70th General Assembly district covers the eastern half of the town of Naugatuck.

“Naugatuck voters in the 70th Assembly district now have the opportunity to choose their next State Representative, though this special election will be on a very condensed calendar,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “I have received the Writ from Governor Rell. Accordingly, the special election will take place on Monday March 2nd. That means the Republican and Democratic Town Committees in Naugatuck have until Monday January 26th to endorse a candidate and inform my office if they want that candidate to appear on the ballot. Anyone wishing to run as a petitioning candidate must gather at least 74 signatures, equal to 1% of the total votes cast in the last election for the 70th district, and turn them into my office by Friday January 23rd.”

Candidates running for office will be eligible to receive public campaign financing provided that they meet the requirements to qualify set forth by state law. Any Naugatuck residents wishing to vote in the upcoming special election have until Monday February 17th to register to vote by mail, or they can register in person at town offices by

Monday February 27th at noon. Absentee ballots for the 70th district special election will be available to voters beginning on Friday January 30th. Information on how to register to vote and use the optical scan voting machines with paper ballots is available on the Secretary of the State's website at www.sots.ct.gov