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**AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ABSENTEE VOTING, SAFE AND SECURE IN-PERSON VOTING AND
VOTER REGISTRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
5 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
6 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall
7 include an application for the admission of an elector with each
8 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
9 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
10 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
11 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
12 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be subject
13 to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not include
14 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)] (C) shall

15 contain a statement that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement,
16 [(B)] (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such
17 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under
18 penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept
19 any such completed application for admission which is submitted in
20 person, [or] by mail [. The] or through an electronic system pursuant to
21 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as provided in said
22 subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of
23 perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth,
24 whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any,
25 prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's
26 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a
27 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the
28 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed
29 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall
30 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to
31 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it
32 is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for
33 registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the
34 applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the
35 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the
36 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official
37 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The
38 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was
39 submitted in person, [or] by mail or through an electronic system
40 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall
41 forthwith transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the
42 applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted
43 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
44 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
45 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
46 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)
47 and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National
48 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
49 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The

50 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the
51 provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of
52 a felony.

53 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
54 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
55 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
56 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
57 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
58 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
59 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
60 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
61 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
62 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
63 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
64 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

65 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
66 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
67 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
68 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
69 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
70 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
71 voters of such person's residence through an electronic system pursuant
72 to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1)
73 of this subsection, except that no such application shall be transmitted if
74 such person declines to apply for such admission.

75 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
76 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
77 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
78 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
79 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
80 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
81 on behalf of such person.

82 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person

83 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
84 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
85 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
86 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
87 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
88 subdivision.

89 (C) In the case of an individual already admitted as an elector and
90 who is also enrolled in a party, if use of such electronic system results in
91 such elector being removed from the enrollment list of such party
92 because such elector did not affirmatively confirm an intent to continue
93 enrollment in such party, such removal shall be presumed unintentional
94 and such elector shall be restored to such list upon such elector's
95 notification of such removal to the registrar of voters of the town in
96 which such elector resides.

97 Sec. 2. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
98 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

99 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance
100 with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license shall serve
101 as notification of change of address for voter registration for the person
102 unless the person states on the form that the change of address is not for
103 voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
104 forthwith transmit such change of address information to the registrars
105 of voters of the town of the former address of the person. If the name of
106 the person appears on the registry list of the town, and if the new
107 address is also within such town, the registrars shall enter the name of
108 such elector on the registry list at the place where he then resides. If the
109 name of the person appears on the registry list of the town and if the
110 new address is outside such town, the registrars shall remove the name
111 of such elector from the registry list and send the elector the notice,
112 information and application required by subsection (c) of section 9-35,
113 except that if said commissioner is using an electronic system pursuant
114 to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may prescribe
115 alternative procedures for sending such notice and information and

116 may waive the requirement to send such application.

117 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic
118 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
119 the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding notifications of
120 change of address for voter registration. Such electronic system may
121 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
122 on file with said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system
123 shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-
124 31, as amended from time to time.

125 Sec. 3. Section 9-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

127 (a) As used in this section, "voter registration agency" means (1)
128 public assistance offices, (2) all offices in the state that provide
129 state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to
130 persons with disabilities, (3) libraries that are open to the public, and (4)
131 such other appropriate offices as the Secretary of the State shall
132 designate in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of
133 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

134 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in
135 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter registration agency shall
136 (A) distribute mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist
137 applicants for [such] assistance or services provided by the agency in
138 completing voter registration application forms, except for applicants
139 who refuse [such] assistance in completing such forms, [(3)] (C) accept
140 completed voter registration application forms and provide each
141 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record
142 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date
143 stamp bearing the name of the agency, and [(4)] (D) immediately
144 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of
145 voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt
146 whether the application was submitted in person, [or] by mail or
147 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
148 subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five days

149 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
150 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
151 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
152 of acceptance. [The] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
153 subsection, the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed
154 mail voter registration application form, without indicating the identity
155 of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such
156 agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an
157 election if it is received by the registration agency by the last day for
158 registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily
159 engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities provides
160 services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency
161 shall provide such voter registration services at the person's home. The
162 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not
163 inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.
164 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made
165 under this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration
166 agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may
167 not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of
168 persons convicted of a felony.

169 (2) (A) On and after January 1, 2022, each voter registration agency
170 shall provide an electronic system, subject to the approval of the
171 Secretary of the State, to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this
172 subsection regarding application for admission of an elector, except that
173 the condition that an applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility
174 requirement may be waived for any such eligibility requirement
175 verified independently by the agency through a federally approved
176 identity verification program or other evidence acceptable to the
177 agency. Such electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the
178 Secretary of an applicant's signature on file with the voter registration
179 agency. The use of any such electronic system shall comply with the
180 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from
181 time to time.

182 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter

183 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or
184 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for
185 admission as an elector, the agency shall forthwith transmit an
186 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
187 voters of such person's residence through an electronic system pursuant
188 to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1)
189 of this subsection, except that no such application shall be transmitted if
190 such person declines to apply for such admission.

191 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying
192 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States
193 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to
194 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant
195 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such
196 admission on behalf of such person.

197 (iii) If the voter registration agency cannot determine whether a
198 person applying for assistance or services provided by the agency is a
199 United States citizen, such person shall attest to his or her United States
200 citizenship as a precondition of the agency processing such person's
201 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system
202 pursuant to this subdivision.

203 (C) In the case of an individual already admitted as an elector and
204 who is also enrolled in a party, if use of such electronic system results in
205 such elector being removed from the enrollment list of such party
206 because such elector did not affirmatively confirm an intent to continue
207 enrollment in such party, such removal shall be presumed unintentional
208 and such elector shall be restored to such list upon such elector's
209 notification of such removal to the registrar of voters of the town in
210 which such elector resides.

211 Sec. 4. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the
212 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

213 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended
214 by this act, shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of

215 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and (1) shall distribute
216 with each application for [service or] assistance or services provided by
217 the agency, and with each recertification, renewal or change of address
218 form relating to such [service or] assistance or services a mail voter
219 registration application form approved by the Secretary of the State, and
220 (2) on and after January 1, 2022, during each application for such
221 assistance or services and each recertification, renewal or change of
222 address relating to such assistance or services, shall use an electronic
223 system described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-23n, as
224 amended by this act, and in accordance with said subdivision to
225 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of said subsection regarding
226 application for admission of an elector, unless the applicant declines to
227 register to vote pursuant to the provisions of the National Voter
228 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.
229 Such declination shall be in writing, except in the case of an application
230 for service or assistance provided by a library, or a recertification,
231 renewal or change of address form relating to such library service or
232 assistance. Such voter registration agency shall provide each applicant
233 to register to vote the same degree of assistance with regard to the
234 completion of the registration application form as is provided by the
235 agency with regard to the completion of its own forms, unless the
236 applicant refuses such assistance.

237 Sec. 5. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the
238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

239 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail
240 voter registration application forms, [and (2)] as well as assist applicants
241 who request assistance in completing such voter registration application
242 forms, and (2) on and after January 1, 2022, use an electronic system
243 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-23n, as
244 amended by this act, and in accordance with said subdivision to
245 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of said subsection regarding
246 application for admission of an elector, as well as assist applicants who
247 request assistance in so applying through such electronic system.

248 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State
249 shall develop and implement a system or systems through which the
250 Secretary may permit any person to submit an electronic signature for
251 the purpose of signing any form or application to be filed pursuant to
252 chapters 141 to 154, inclusive, of the general statutes. The Secretary may
253 include in, or exclude from, such system any such form or application.
254 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such form or
255 application on which any such electronic signature appears shall be
256 deemed to have been signed in the original.

257 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall
258 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
259 necessary to maintain the system or systems described in subsection (a)
260 of this section. The Secretary shall not use the information obtained from
261 any state agency except for the purpose of allowing any person to sign
262 any form or application to be filed pursuant to chapters 141 to 154,
263 inclusive, of the general statutes.

264 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed
265 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

266 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and (b)
267 of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall: [hold]

268 (1) Hold one session each year, between the first of January and the
269 last day of the school year, at each public high school in such town, for
270 the admission of persons who are eligible for admission under
271 subsection (a) or (b) of section 9-12, as amended by this act, provided, in
272 the case of a public high school in a regional school district, such session
273 shall be held on a rotating basis by the registrars of voters for each town
274 which is a member of the regional school district. The registrars of voters
275 need not give notice of this session by publication in a newspaper; and

276 (2) Distribute each year, on the fourth Tuesday of September, at each
277 public high school in such town, information regarding eligibility for
278 admission under subsection (a) or (b) of section 9-12, as amended by this
279 act, as well as procedures for applying for such admission. The

280 registrars of voters and the principal of any such public high school shall
281 determine the best means of distributing such information at such
282 public high school.

283 Sec. 8. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
284 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

285 In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the
286 fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on
287 the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or
288 after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), [the
289 twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day),] the third Monday in
290 February (known as [Washington's Birthday] Presidents' Day), the last
291 Monday in May (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the
292 fourth day of July (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in
293 September (known as Labor Day), the second Monday in October
294 (known as Columbus Day), the Tuesday after the first Monday in
295 November (known as Election Day), the eleventh day of November
296 (known as Veterans' Day) and the twenty-fifth day of December (known
297 as Christmas) and any day appointed or recommended by the Governor
298 of this state or the President of the United States as a day of
299 thanksgiving, fasting or religious observance, shall each be a legal
300 holiday, except that whenever any of such days which are not
301 designated to occur on Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday
302 next following such day shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of
303 such days occurs upon a Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding
304 such day shall be a legal holiday. When any such holiday, except
305 holidays in January and December, occurs on a school day, each local
306 and regional board of education may close the public schools under its
307 jurisdiction for such day or hold a session of the public schools on such
308 day, provided, if a session is held, the board shall require each school to
309 hold a suitable nonsectarian educational program in observance of such
310 holiday. If a holiday in January or December occurs on a school day,
311 there shall be no session of the public schools on such day.

312 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Each employer shall grant to (1)

313 each employee in the case of a state election, or (2) each employee who
314 is an elector in the case of any special election for United States senator,
315 representative in Congress, state senator or state representative, two
316 hours paid time off from such employee's regularly scheduled work on
317 the day of any such election for the purpose of voting at such election
318 during the hours of voting specified in section 9-174 of the general
319 statutes, provided the employee shall request such time off not less than
320 two working days prior to such election.

321 Sec. 10. Section 9-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
322 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

323 (a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of
324 eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the
325 citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the
326 registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen,
327 as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in subsection (b)
328 of this section. Prior to admission as an elector, any such citizen who has
329 a developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
330 specializes in primary care, or the citizen's legal representative, shall
331 certify under oath that the citizen meets the qualifications set forth in
332 this subsection. For purposes of this section, (1) a person shall be
333 deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years on the day of the
334 person's eighteenth birthday, [and] (2) a person shall be deemed to be a
335 bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission
336 as an elector if such person's dwelling unit is located within the
337 geographic boundaries of such town, [. No mentally incompetent
338 person shall be admitted as an elector] and (3) "legal representative" has
339 the same meaning as provided in section 17a-488.

340 (b) Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or
341 before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an
342 elector. At the time of such application, any such citizen who has a
343 developmental disability, as determined by a licensed physician who
344 specializes in primary care, or the citizen's legal representative, shall
345 certify under oath that the citizen meets each other qualification set forth

346 in subsection (a) of this section. If such citizen is found to be qualified
347 the citizen shall become an elector on the day of the citizen's eighteenth
348 birthday. The registrars shall add the name of any person applying
349 under this subsection, if found qualified, to the registry list and, if
350 applicable, to the enrollment list, together with the effective date of his
351 registration. The registrars may place the name of each such person at
352 the end of the registry and enrollment lists for the voting district.

353 Sec. 11. Section 9-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the
354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

355 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
356 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street
357 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or checkers
358 in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials
359 present to hear the same. Each elector who registered to vote by mail for
360 the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the
361 elector's name on the official registry list, as required by section 9-23r,
362 shall present to the official checker or checkers, before the elector votes,
363 either a current and valid photo identification that shows the elector's
364 name and address or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
365 government check, paycheck or other government document that shows
366 the name and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present
367 to the official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any
368 other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name
369 and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2) on a
370 form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, write the elector's
371 residential address and date of birth, print the elector's name and sign a
372 statement under penalty of false statement that the elector is the elector
373 whose name appears on the official checklist. Such form shall clearly
374 state the penalty of false statement. A separate form shall be used for
375 each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted form of identification
376 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the official checker or checkers
377 shall check the name of such elector on the official checklist, manually
378 on paper or electronically. If the elector completes the form under
379 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar of voters or the assistant

380 registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall examine the information on
381 such form and either instruct the official checker or checkers to check
382 the name of such elector on the official checklist, manually on paper or
383 electronically, or notify the elector that the form is incomplete or
384 inaccurate.

385 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is
386 unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary incapacity,
387 the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or her. The
388 registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may
389 be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such elector.
390 The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the provisions
391 of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence
392 of the election officials in such manner that the election officials shall not
393 know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall place the ballot in the
394 privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark the elector's name on the
395 official voter list, manually on paper or electronically, as having voted
396 in person and deliver such ballot and privacy sleeve to the voting
397 tabulator where such ballot shall be placed into the tabulator, by the
398 election official, for counting. The moderator shall record such activity
399 in the moderator's diary.

400 (c) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
401 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote, pursuant
402 to section 9-431, an unaffiliated elector shall also announce to the
403 separate table of the official checker or checkers for unaffiliated electors
404 the party in whose primary the elector chooses to vote and the official
405 checker or checkers shall note such party when checking such elector's
406 name on the checklist of unaffiliated electors, manually on paper or
407 electronically, provided such choice shall not alter the elector's
408 unaffiliated status.

409 (d) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
410 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote or in
411 which one party is holding a primary in which unaffiliated electors are
412 authorized to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the

413 primary, the official checker or checkers shall give to each elector
414 checked manually on paper or electronically, a receipt provided by the
415 registrars of voters, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,
416 specifying either (1) the party with which the elector is enrolled, if any,
417 or (2) in the case of an unaffiliated elector, the party in whose primary
418 the elector has so chosen to vote, and whether the elector is authorized
419 to vote for only a partial ballot.

420 (e) If not challenged by anyone lawfully present in the polling place,
421 the elector shall be permitted to pass to the separated area to receive the
422 ballot. The elector shall give any receipt the elector has received to a
423 ballot clerk who shall give the elector a ballot to vote only in the primary
424 of the party specified by the receipt. The elector shall be permitted into
425 the voting booth area, and shall then register his or her vote in secret,
426 except as provided in subsection (f) of this section. Having voted, the
427 elector shall immediately exit the voting booth area and deposit the
428 ballot in the voting tabulator and leave the room. No elector shall remain
429 within the voting booth longer than the time necessary to complete the
430 ballot, and, if the elector refuses to leave such booth after completing the
431 ballot, the elector shall at once be removed by the election officials upon
432 order of the moderator. Not more than one elector at a time shall be
433 permitted to be within the enclosed space which the elector occupies
434 while the elector completes his or her ballot, [provided] except that an
435 elector may be accompanied within such enclosed space by (1) one or
436 more children who are fifteen years of age or younger and supervised
437 by the elector, if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of such
438 children, or (2) an elector with a developmental disability, as described
439 in section 9-12, as amended by this act, pursuant to subsection (f) of this
440 section. If any elector, after entering the voting booth area, asks for
441 further instruction concerning the manner of voting, the election
442 officials shall give such instructions or directions to the elector; but no
443 election official instructing or assisting an elector, except as provided in
444 section 9-264, shall look at the ballot in such a way as to see the elector's
445 markings or in any manner seek to influence any such elector in the
446 casting of the elector's vote.

447 (f) In the case of an elector with a developmental disability, as
448 described in section 9-12, as amended by this act, the legal
449 representative of such elector may assist such elector in performing any
450 action under this section, provided such legal representative shall
451 present to the registrar of voters or assistant registrar of voters, as the
452 case may be, information sufficient to prove such a relationship with
453 such elector.

454 Sec. 12. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
455 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

456 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to [(i)] (j), inclusive,
457 of this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,
458 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

459 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
460 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
461 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
462 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
463 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
464 of section 9-12, as amended by this act, may apply for admission as an
465 elector on election day pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to
466 [(i)] (j), inclusive, of this section.

467 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
468 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
469 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to
470 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
471 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
472 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written
473 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall (i) include
474 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
475 with such location, (ii) list the name and address of each election official
476 appointed to serve at such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description
477 of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and
478 processing of such applications. The Secretary shall approve or
479 disapprove such written certification not later than fifteen days before

480 election day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or
481 more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

482 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
483 later than sixty days before election day, in a form and manner
484 prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the
485 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
486 election day. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
487 application not later than forty-five days before election day. If the
488 Secretary approves such application, the registrars of voters may so
489 designate any such additional location. The provisions of subdivision
490 (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional location.

491 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official
492 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of
493 the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of
494 voters shall supervise each such election official and train each such
495 election official to be an election day registration election official.

496 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
497 provisions of subsections (a) to [(i)] (j), inclusive, of this section shall
498 make application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20,
499 provided (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not
500 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
501 9-174, at the location designated by the registrars of voters for election
502 day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an
503 institution of higher education may submit a current photo
504 identification card issued by such institution in lieu of the identification
505 required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath
506 that the applicant has not previously voted in the election. If the
507 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20
508 and subsections (a) to [(i)] (j), inclusive, of this section does not include
509 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also
510 submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence
511 address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under
512 section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current

513 address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after
514 the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher
515 education, a registration or fee statement from such institution that has
516 the applicant's name and current address.

517 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
518 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
519 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
520 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

521 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
522 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
523 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

524 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
525 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
526 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
527 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
528 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
529 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
530 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
531 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
532 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
533 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall
534 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
535 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

536 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
537 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
538 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
539 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
540 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
541 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
542 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
543 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
544 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
545 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such

546 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
547 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
548 which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

549 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
550 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
551 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
552 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

553 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
554 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
555 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
556 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
557 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
558 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
559 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and
560 signed by the voter:

561 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
562 of false statement, (perjury) that:

563 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

564 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
565 indicated.

566 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
567 complete.

568 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

569 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
570 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
571 such prior registration.

572 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
573 otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

574 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot

575 and received an election day registration ballot.

576 (Signature of voter)

577 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
578 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
579 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration
580 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration
581 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and
582 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot
583 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters
584 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport
585 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the
586 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-
587 147a, as amended by this act, where absentee ballots are counted and
588 such election day registration ballots shall be counted by the election
589 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
590 head moderator's return shall show the number of election day
591 registration ballots received from electors. The registrars of voters shall
592 seal a copy of the vote tally for election day registration ballots in a
593 depository envelope with the election day registration ballots and store
594 such election day registration depository envelope with the other
595 election results materials. The election day registration depository
596 envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of
597 time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

598 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning
599 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee
600 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and
601 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to [(i)]
602 (j), inclusive, of this section.

603 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars
604 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the
605 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on
606 election day under subsections (a) to [(i)] (j), inclusive, of this section.
607 Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on

608 the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown
609 on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the
610 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
611 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
612 deadline in section 9-35.

613 (j) In the case of an elector with a developmental disability, as
614 described in section 9-12, as amended by this act, the legal
615 representative of such elector may assist such elector in performing any
616 action under this section, provided such legal representative shall
617 present to the registrar of voters or election official appointed by such
618 registrar under this section, as the case may be, information sufficient to
619 prove such a relationship with such elector.

620 ~~[(j)]~~ (k) No person shall (1) solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
621 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition
622 to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or
623 offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within
624 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry
625 to any location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
626 registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach
627 leading from any such outside entrance to any such location or in any
628 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach, or (2)
629 possess a firearm within a radius of two hundred feet of any such
630 outside entrance or in any such corridor, passageway or other approach
631 or in any such room, except in the case of a firearm located in a residence
632 situated within such radius or in the case of a uniformed on-duty police
633 officer.

634 Sec. 13. Section 9-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
635 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

636 (a) A person shall forfeit such person's right to become an elector and
637 such person's privileges as an elector upon conviction of a felony and
638 (1) committal to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for
639 confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
640 community residence, (2) committal to confinement in a federal

641 correctional institution or facility, or (3) committal to the custody of the
642 chief correctional official of any other state or a county of any other state
643 for confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
644 community residence, in such state or county.

645 (b) In the case of a person who has forfeited such person's privileges
646 as an elector under subsection (a) of this section and has regained such
647 privileges under section 9-46a, as amended by this act, if such person
648 subsequently returns to confinement in a correctional institution or
649 facility, but not a community residence, from parole or special parole,
650 release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-100e, 18-100h or 18-100i
651 or furlough pursuant to section 18-101a, such person shall again forfeit
652 such privileges.

653 [(b)] (c) No person who has forfeited and not regained such person's
654 privileges as an elector, as provided in section 9-46a, may be a candidate
655 for or hold public office.

656 Sec. 14. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the
657 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

658 (a) (1) [A] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a
659 person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to
660 confinement in a [federal or other state] correctional institution or
661 facility, or a community residence, of the federal government or of
662 another state shall have such person's electoral privileges restored
663 [upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the conviction and]
664 once such person has been [discharged] released from confinement. [,
665 and, if applicable, parole]

666 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, a person who has been convicted of a
667 felony and committed to confinement in a community residence of the
668 federal government or of another state shall have such person's electoral
669 privileges restored.

670 (b) [Upon] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
671 upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution or facility

672 or a community residence of a person who has been convicted of a
673 felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction,
674 [and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from parole, (1)] (A) the
675 person shall have the right to become an elector, [(2)] (B) the
676 Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a document certifying
677 that the person has been released from such confinement, [and, if
678 applicable, has been discharged from parole, (3)] (C) if the person was
679 an elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release,
680 [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same municipality in which
681 the person resided at the time of such felony conviction, the person's
682 electoral privileges shall be restored, and [(4)] (D) if the person was an
683 elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release, [and
684 any such discharge,] is residing in a different municipality or if the
685 person was not an elector at the time of such felony conviction, the
686 person's electoral privileges shall be restored or granted upon
687 submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of the person's
688 qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions of
689 [subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection] subparagraphs (A)
690 to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision shall not apply to any person
691 convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this title until
692 such person has been discharged from any parole or probation for such
693 felony.

694 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, any person who has been convicted of a
695 felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction
696 and who is confined in a community residence shall have such person's
697 electoral privileges restored.

698 (c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is
699 admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,
700 within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted, shall
701 notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such person
702 resided at the time of such person's conviction that such person's
703 electoral rights have been so restored.

704 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to

705 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
706 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
707 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are
708 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant to
709 subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have such
710 privileges restored. [The Office of Adult Probation] The Commissioner
711 of Correction shall, within available appropriations, inform such
712 persons who are on [probation on January 1, 2002] parole or special
713 parole, or confined in a community residence on July 1, 2021, of their
714 right to become electors and procedures to have their electoral
715 privileges restored, which shall be in accordance with subsections (b)
716 and (c) of this section.

717 (e) [The] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
718 the Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth day of
719 each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all persons
720 convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
721 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been
722 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a
723 community residence. [and, if applicable, discharged from parole.]

724 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Correction shall,
725 on or before the fifteenth day of each month, transmit to the Secretary
726 of the State a list of all persons convicted of a felony and committed to
727 the custody of said commissioner who are confined in a community
728 residence.

729 (3) [Such] The lists described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
730 subsection shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of [such]
731 the persons described in said subdivisions, with the dates of their
732 convictions and the crimes of which such persons have been convicted.
733 The Secretary of the State shall transmit such lists to the registrars of the
734 municipalities in which such convicted persons resided at the time of
735 their convictions and to the registrars of any municipalities where the
736 [secretary] Secretary believes such persons may be electors.

737 Sec. 15. Section 9-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the

738 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

739 (a) On the day of any primary, referendum or election, no person
740 shall (1) solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy of another
741 or himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
742 submitted at the election or referendum, or loiter or peddle or offer any
743 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
744 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any
745 polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading
746 from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any room
747 opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach, or (2)
748 possess a firearm within a radius of two hundred feet of any such
749 outside entrance or in any such corridor, passageway or other approach
750 or in any such room, except in the case of a firearm located in a residence
751 situated within such radius or in the case of a uniformed on-duty police
752 officer. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit
753 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) parent-teacher associations or parent-teacher organizations
754 from holding bake sales or other fund-raising activities on the day of
755 any primary, referendum or election in any school used as a polling
756 place, provided such sales or activities shall not be held in the room in
757 which the election booths are located, ~~[(2)]~~ (B) the registrars of voters
758 from directing the officials at a primary, referendum or election to
759 distribute, within the restricted area, adhesive labels on which are
760 imprinted the words "I Voted Today", or ~~[(3)]~~ (C) the registrars of voters
761 in a primary, election or referendum from jointly permitting
762 nonpartisan activities to be conducted in a room other than the room in
763 which the election booths are located. The registrars may jointly impose
764 such conditions and limitations on such nonpartisan activity as deemed
765 necessary to ensure the orderly process of voting. The moderator shall
766 evict any person who in any way interferes with the orderly process of
767 voting.

768 (b) (1) The selectmen shall provide suitable markers to indicate the
769 seventy-five-foot ~~[distance]~~ and two-hundred-foot distances from such
770 entrance. Such markers shall consist of a board resting on an iron rod,
771 which board shall be not less than twelve inches square and painted a

772 bright color and shall bear, [the] respectively:

773 (A) The figures and letters "75 feet" and the following words: "On the
774 day of any primary, referendum or election no person shall solicit in
775 behalf of or in opposition to another or himself or peddle or offer any
776 ballot, advertising matter or circular to another person or loiter within a
777 radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to
778 any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or other approach
779 leading from any such outside entrance to such polling place or in any
780 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach."; and

781 (B) The figures and letters "200 feet" and the following words: "On the
782 day of any primary, referendum or election no person shall possess a
783 firearm within a radius of two hundred feet of any outside entrance in
784 use as an entry to any polling place or in any corridor, passageway or
785 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such polling
786 place or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
787 approach. This restriction shall not apply in the case of a firearm located
788 in a residence situated within such radius of two hundred feet or in the
789 case of a uniformed on-duty police officer."

790 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
791 subsection, the selectmen may provide the markers required by the
792 provisions of this subsection in effect prior to October 1, 1983, except
793 that in the case of a referendum which is not held in conjunction with
794 an election or a primary, the selectmen shall provide the markers
795 required by subdivision (1) of this subsection.

796 (3) The moderator and the moderator's assistants shall meet at least
797 twenty minutes before the opening of a primary, referendum or an
798 election in the voting district, and shall cause to be placed by a police
799 officer or constable, or such other primary or election official as they
800 select, a suitable number of distance markers. Such moderator or any
801 police officer or constable shall prohibit loitering and peddling of tickets
802 within that distance.

803 (c) No person shall be allowed within any polling place for any

804 purpose other than casting his or her vote, except (1) those permitted or
805 exempt under this section or section 9-236a, (2) primary officials under
806 section 9-436, (3) election officials under section 9-258, including (A) a
807 municipal clerk or registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same
808 office, performing his or her official duties, and (B) a deputy registrar of
809 voters, who is a candidate for the office of registrar of voters, performing
810 his or her official duties, or (4) party checkers under section 9-235.
811 Representatives of the news media shall be allowed to enter, remain
812 within and leave any polling place or restricted area surrounding any
813 polling place to observe the election, provided any such representative
814 who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be
815 evicted by the moderator. A number of students in grades four to
816 twelve, inclusive, not to exceed four at any one time in any one polling
817 place, may enter any polling place between twelve o'clock noon and
818 three o'clock p.m. for the purpose of observing the activities taking place
819 in the polling place, provided there is proper parental or teacher
820 supervision present, and provided further, any such student who in any
821 way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the
822 moderator. An elector may be accompanied into any polling place by
823 one or more children who are fifteen years of age or younger and
824 supervised by the elector if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of
825 such children.

826 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section or, while
827 the polls are open for voting, removes or injures any such distance
828 marker, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

829 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
830 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
831 *passage*):

832 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
833 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
834 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
835 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
836 given by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in such

837 town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of
838 this section, [not more than fifteen nor less than five] and on such town's
839 Internet web site beginning fifteen days previous to holding such
840 election. The clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election,
841 give notice of (A) the time and the location of [the] each polling place in
842 the town, [and] (B) in towns divided into voting districts, [of] the time
843 and the location of [the] each polling place in each district, and (C) the
844 time and the location of each location designated for election day
845 registration in the town, at which such election will be held. The town
846 clerk shall record each such warning.

847 (2) For the state election in 2020, the warning under subsection (a) of
848 this section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days
849 previous to holding such election.

850 Sec. 17. Section 9-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the
851 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

852 The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects for
853 which such election is to be held. Notice of a town election shall be given
854 by the town clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning in a
855 newspaper published in such town or having a general circulation
856 therein [, such publication to be not more than fifteen, nor less than five]
857 and on such town's Internet web site beginning fifteen days previous to
858 holding the election. The town clerk in each town shall, in the warning
859 for such election, give notice of (1) the time and the location of [the] each
860 polling place in the town, [and,] (2) in towns divided into voting
861 districts, [of] the time and the location of [the] each polling place in each
862 district, and (3) the time and the location of each location designated for
863 election day registration in the town. The town clerk shall record each
864 such warning. Notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given
865 by publishing a warning in a newspaper published within the limits of
866 such city or borough [,] or having a general circulation therein [, not
867 more than fifteen nor less than five] and on the Internet web site of such
868 city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within such
869 town's limits, beginning fifteen days previous to holding the election,

870 which warning shall include notice of (A) the time and the location of
871 [the] each polling place in such city or borough, [and,] (B) in cities and
872 boroughs divided into voting districts, [of] the time and the location of
873 [the] each polling place in each district, and (C) the time and the location
874 of each location designated for election day registration in such city or
875 borough.

876 Sec. 18. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-140 of the general statutes
877 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
878 *1, 2021*):

879 (a) (1) [Application] Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
880 section, application for an absentee ballot shall be made to the clerk of
881 the municipality in which the applicant is eligible to vote or has applied
882 for such eligibility. Any person who assists another person in the
883 completion of an application shall, in the space provided, sign the
884 application and print or type his name, residence address and telephone
885 number. Such signature shall be made under the penalties of false
886 statement in absentee balloting. The municipal clerk shall not invalidate
887 the application solely because it does not contain the name of a person
888 who assisted the applicant in the completion of the application. The
889 municipal clerk shall not distribute with an absentee ballot application
890 any material which promotes the success or defeat of any candidate or
891 referendum question. The municipal clerk shall maintain a log of all
892 absentee ballot applications provided under this subsection, including
893 the name and address of each person to whom applications are
894 provided and the number of applications provided to each such person.
895 Each absentee ballot application provided by the municipal clerk shall
896 be consecutively numbered and be stamped or marked with the name
897 of the municipality issuing the application. The application shall be
898 signed by the applicant under the penalties of false statement in
899 absentee balloting on [(1)] (A) the form prescribed by the Secretary of
900 the State pursuant to section 9-139a, [(2)] (B) a form provided by any
901 federal department or agency if applicable pursuant to section 9-153a,
902 or [(3)] (C) any of the special forms of application prescribed pursuant
903 to section 9-150c, 9-153a, 9-153b, 9-153d, 9-153e, 9-153f or 9-158d, if

904 applicable. Any such absentee ballot applicant who is unable to write
905 may cause the application to be completed by an authorized agent who
906 shall, in the spaces provided for the date and signature, write the date
907 and name of the absentee ballot applicant followed by the word "by"
908 and his own signature. If the ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, the
909 applicant shall list the bona fide personal mailing address of the
910 applicant in the appropriate space on the application.

911 [(b)] (2) A municipal clerk may transmit an application to a person
912 under this subsection by facsimile machine or other electronic means, if
913 so requested by the applicant. If a municipal clerk has a facsimile
914 machine or other electronic means, an applicant may return a completed
915 application to the clerk by such a machine or device, provided the
916 applicant shall also mail the original of the completed application to the
917 clerk, either separately or with the absentee ballot that is issued to the
918 applicant. If the clerk does not receive such original application by the
919 close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum, the
920 absentee ballot shall not be counted.

921 (b) On and after July 1, 2021:

922 (1) (A) Application for an absentee ballot may be made to the
923 Secretary of the State through a telephonic system established and
924 maintained by the Secretary for such purpose, provided an applicant's
925 signature is in a database described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k
926 and such signature may be imported into such online system.

927 (B) In order for an application for an absentee ballot to be submitted
928 through the telephonic system described in subparagraph (A) of this
929 subdivision, the applicant's signature shall be obtained from a database
930 described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k and the applicant shall, in
931 speaking with a respondent from the office of the Secretary of the State,
932 (i) provide his or her name, (ii) indicate the municipality in which such
933 applicant is eligible to vote or has applied for such eligibility, and (iii)
934 swear or affirm under penalties of false statement in absentee balloting
935 that:

936 (I) Such person is the person whose name was so provided and
937 desires to apply for an absentee ballot.

938 (II) Such person is eligible to vote in the municipality so indicated or
939 has applied for such eligibility.

940 (III) Such person authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles or
941 other state agency to transmit to the Secretary such person's signature
942 that is on file with such agency and understands that such signature will
943 be used by the Secretary through this telephonic application for an
944 absentee ballot as if such person had signed this form personally.

945 (2) (A) Application for an absentee ballot may be made to the
946 Secretary of the State through an online system established and
947 maintained by the Secretary for such purpose, provided an applicant's
948 signature is in a database described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k
949 and such signature may be imported into such online system.

950 (B) In order for an application for an absentee ballot to be submitted
951 through the online system described in subparagraph (A) of this
952 subdivision, the applicant's signature shall be obtained from a database
953 described in subsection (b) of section 9-19k and the applicant shall, on
954 an online form prescribed by the Secretary, (i) type his or her name, (ii)
955 indicate the municipality in which such applicant is eligible to vote or
956 has applied for such eligibility, and (iii) mark a box associated with the
957 following statement:

958 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following
959 under penalty of false statement in absentee balloting:

960 1. I am the person whose name is provided on this form, and I desire
961 to apply for an absentee ballot.

962 2. I am eligible to vote in the municipality provided on this form or
963 have applied for such eligibility.

964 3. I authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles or other Connecticut
965 state agency to transmit to the Connecticut Secretary of the State my

966 signature that is on file with such agency and understand that such
967 signature will be used by the Secretary on this online application for an
968 absentee ballot as if I had signed this form personally."

969 (3) Not later than twenty-four hours after receipt of any submitted
970 application for an absentee ballot through the telephonic or online
971 system described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, the
972 Secretary shall transmit such application to the clerk of the municipality
973 indicated in such application.

974 Sec. 19. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-140b of the
975 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
976 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

977 (a) An absentee ballot shall be cast at a primary, election or
978 referendum only if: (1) It is mailed by (A) the ballot applicant, (B) a
979 designee of a person who applies for an absentee ballot because of
980 illness or physical disability, or (C) a member of the immediate family
981 of an applicant who is a student, so that it is received by the clerk of the
982 municipality in which the applicant is qualified to vote not later than the
983 close of the polls; (2) it is returned by the applicant in person to the clerk
984 by the day before a regular election, special election or primary or prior
985 to the opening of the polls on the day of a referendum; (3) it is returned
986 by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant, in person,
987 to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election,
988 primary or referendum; (4) it is returned by a member of the immediate
989 family of the absentee voter, in person, to said clerk not later than the
990 close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum; (5)
991 in the case of a presidential or overseas ballot, it is mailed or otherwise
992 returned pursuant to the provisions of section 9-158g; or (6) it is returned
993 with the proper identification as required by the Help America Vote Act,
994 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, if applicable, inserted in the
995 outer envelope so such identification can be viewed without opening
996 the inner envelope. A person returning an absentee ballot to the
997 municipal clerk pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection shall
998 present identification and, on the outer envelope of the absentee ballot,

999 sign his name in the presence of the municipal clerk, and indicate his
1000 address, his relationship to the voter or his position, and the date and
1001 time of such return. As used in this section, "immediate family" means
1002 a dependent relative who resides in the individual's household or any
1003 spouse, child, [or] parent or sibling of the individual.

1004 (b) As used in this section and section 9-150c, "designee" means (1) a
1005 person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness
1006 or physical disability, including but not limited to, a licensed physician
1007 or a registered or practical nurse, (2) a member of the applicant's family,
1008 who is designated by an absentee ballot applicant and who consents to
1009 such designation, or (3) [if no such person consents or is available, then]
1010 a police officer, registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters or assistant
1011 registrar of voters in the municipality in which the applicant resides,
1012 person appointed by such registrar of voters or member of the town
1013 committee in such municipality of the party in which such applicant is
1014 enrolled, if applicable.

1015 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the
1016 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
1017 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
1018 State, or (B) [for the state election in 2020,] deposited in a secure drop
1019 box designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance
1020 with instructions prescribed by the Secretary.

1021 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of
1022 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the twenty-ninth day
1023 before [the state election in 2020] each election and on each weekday
1024 thereafter until the close of the polls at such election, the municipal clerk
1025 shall (A) retrieve from the secure drop box described in said
1026 subparagraph each such ballot deposited in such drop box, and (B) if the
1027 drop box is located outside a building other than the building where the
1028 clerk's office is located, arrange for the clerk or the clerk's designee to be
1029 escorted by a police officer during such retrieval.

1030 Sec. 20. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1031 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1032 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing absentee
1033 ballots received by him under section 9-140b, as amended by this act,
1034 and shall not open such envelopes. The municipal clerk shall endorse
1035 over his signature, upon each outer envelope as he receives it, the date
1036 and precise time of its receipt. The clerk shall make an affidavit attesting
1037 to the accuracy of all such endorsements, and at the close of the polls
1038 shall deliver such affidavit to the head moderator, who shall endorse the
1039 time of its receipt and return it to the clerk after all counting is complete.
1040 The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for one hundred eighty days in
1041 accordance with the requirements of section 9-150b. The clerk shall keep
1042 a list of the names of the applicants who return absentee ballots to the
1043 clerk under section 9-140b, as amended by this act. The list shall be
1044 preserved as a public record as required by section 9-150b.

1045 (b) (1) [(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this
1046 subdivision, beginning not earlier than the seventh] Beginning on the
1047 fourteenth day before the election, primary or referendum and on any
1048 weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk
1049 at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such day may be sorted into voting
1050 districts by the municipal clerk and checked as provided in this
1051 [subparagraph] subsection. On any such day, beginning as soon as the
1052 ballots have been sorted, the registrars of voters, without opening the
1053 outer envelopes, may check the names of the applicants returning
1054 ballots on the official checklist to be used at the election, primary or
1055 referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding each such name
1056 and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in
1057 the primary of either of two parties, the designation of the party in
1058 which the applicants are voting preceding each such name. [Unless
1059 absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective polling places,
1060 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the] The registrars shall also
1061 place such indication on a duplicate checklist to be retained by the
1062 municipal clerk until the municipal clerk delivers such duplicate
1063 checklist to the registrars, in accordance with subsection (e) of this
1064 section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
1065 subsection (i) of this section.

1066 [(B) For the state election in 2020, beginning on the fourteenth day
1067 before the election and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots
1068 received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such
1069 day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and
1070 checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.]

1071 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of
1072 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a
1073 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the
1074 municipal clerk and checked as provided in [subparagraph (A) of]
1075 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

1076 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the
1077 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the
1078 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word
1079 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the
1080 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

1081 (d) After such checking has been completed on any such day, the
1082 municipal clerk shall seal the unopened ballots in a package and retain
1083 them in a safe place.

1084 [(e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, ballots
1085 received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day before the
1086 election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the municipal
1087 clerk to the registrars between ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon
1088 on the day of the election or primary and at twelve o'clock noon on the
1089 day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the
1090 respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a,
1091 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at this time the
1092 duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section, for the
1093 use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this
1094 section.

1095 (2) (A) For the state election in 2020:]

1096 [(i)] (e) (1) (A) Ballots received, sorted and checked prior to five

1097 o'clock p.m. on the [(I)] (i) fourth day before the election may be
1098 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars at five o'clock p.m. on
1099 such fourth day, [(II)] (ii) third day before the election may be so
1100 delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such third day, and [(III)] (iii) second
1101 day before the election may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such
1102 second day;

1103 [(ii)] (B) Ballots received [not later than] at or prior to eleven o'clock
1104 a.m. on the last day before the election shall be sorted and checked not
1105 later than such last day and shall be delivered by the municipal clerk to
1106 the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of the election. [; and]

1107 [(iii)] (C) Each time ballots are delivered pursuant to [this]
1108 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, the municipal clerk shall
1109 also deliver to the registrars at such time a copy of the duplicate
1110 checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section, current as of the
1111 time of such delivery, for the use of the absentee ballot counters
1112 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

1113 [(B)] (2) The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at times later than
1114 those provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection [or subparagraph
1115 (A) of this subdivision, as applicable,] provided any such time is
1116 mutually agreed upon by the municipal clerk and registrars and is not
1117 later than eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
1118 referendum.

1119 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock
1120 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be
1121 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by the clerk
1122 separately until delivered to the registrars of voters for checking.

1123 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of such
1124 last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six o'clock
1125 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall, upon
1126 request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the municipal
1127 clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
1128 referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by the

1129 clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight o'clock
1130 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

1131 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
1132 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six
1133 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be
1134 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. Although
1135 absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at various
1136 times throughout the election, primary or referendum day, absentee
1137 ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

1138 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee
1139 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal
1140 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election,
1141 primary or referendum and at the close of the polls pursuant to
1142 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names of the
1143 applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same
1144 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

1145 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
1146 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m.
1147 on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be called in to
1148 the appropriate polling places where they shall be checked by the
1149 checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the
1150 absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist required under
1151 subsection (b) of this section.

1152 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
1153 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the names of applicants
1154 whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
1155 election, primary or referendum shall be checked by the absentee ballot
1156 counters and checkers at such polling place on the official checklist used
1157 at such polling place.

1158 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
1159 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the
1160 polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official

1161 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists, bearing
1162 the certifications required by section 9-307, shall be delivered by the
1163 registrars or assistant registrars to the central counting moderator for
1164 that purpose.

1165 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
1166 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the official checklist used at
1167 such polling place shall remain in such polling place for checking by the
1168 absentee ballot counters at such polling place.

1169 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked on
1170 the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot
1171 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer
1172 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of the reason for
1173 rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot
1174 counted.

1175 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
1176 when central counting is completed and the result is announced, the
1177 central counting moderator shall deliver the duplicate checklist, the
1178 official checklists and the returns required by section 9-150b to the head
1179 moderator.

1180 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
1181 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, and such counting is
1182 completed and the result for such polling place is announced, the
1183 moderator for such polling place shall deliver the official checklist used
1184 at such polling place and the return required by section 9-150b to the
1185 head moderator.

1186 (j) Each time absentee ballots are delivered by the clerk to the
1187 registrars pursuant to this section, the clerk and registrars shall execute
1188 an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots
1189 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for the period prescribed
1190 in section 9-150b.

1191 (k) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the

1192 absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in section
1193 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

1194 (2) [For the state election in 2020, whenever] Whenever absentee
1195 ballots are to be processed before the day of the election, pursuant to
1196 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, as amended by this
1197 act, the absentee ballot counters shall process, in the manner provided
1198 in section 9-150e, as amended by this act, each group of absentee ballots
1199 upon receipt from the registrars.

1200 (l) The municipal clerk shall retain all outer envelopes containing
1201 absentee ballots received by him after the close of the polls, unopened,
1202 for the period prescribed in section 9-150b.

1203 Sec. 21. Section 9-140e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1204 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1205 (a) Any elector who is permanently physically disabled or is suffering
1206 from a long-term illness and who files an application for an absentee
1207 ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that
1208 such elector is permanently physically disabled and unable to appear in
1209 person at such elector's designated polling location, shall be eligible for
1210 permanent absentee ballot status and shall receive an absentee ballot for
1211 each election, primary or referendum conducted in such elector's
1212 municipality for which such elector is eligible to vote. Such elector's
1213 permanent absentee ballot status shall remain in effect until such elector:
1214 (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the municipality, (2) is
1215 removed from permanent absentee ballot status pursuant to the
1216 provisions of this section, or (3) requests that he or she no longer receive
1217 such permanent absentee ballot status.

1218 (b) The registrars of voters shall send written notice to each such
1219 elector with permanent absentee ballot status in January of each year,
1220 on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, for the purpose of
1221 determining if such elector continues to reside at the address indicated
1222 on the elector's permanent absentee ballot application. If [(1)] such
1223 written notice is returned as undeliverable, [or (2) not later than thirty

1224 days after such notice is sent to the elector, the elector fails to return such
1225 notice to the registrars of voters, as directed on the form,] the elector in
1226 question shall be removed from permanent absentee ballot status. If
1227 such elector indicates on such notice that the elector no longer resides at
1228 such address and the elector's new address is within the same
1229 municipality, the registrars of voters shall change the elector's address
1230 pursuant to section 9-35 and such elector shall retain permanent
1231 absentee ballot status. If the elector indicates on such notice that the
1232 elector no longer resides in the municipality, the registrars of voters
1233 shall remove such individual from the registry list of the municipality
1234 and send such individual an application for voter registration. Failure
1235 to return such written notice shall not result in the removal of an elector
1236 from the official registry list of the municipality or from permanent
1237 absentee ballot status.

1238 Sec. 22. Section 9-147a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1239 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1240 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, at any
1241 election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots shall, within
1242 existing resources, be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a
1243 at a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to
1244 the municipal clerk at least twenty days before the election, primary or
1245 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for the
1246 election, primary or referendum. Except as provided in subsection (b) of
1247 this section, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to
1248 vote in the primary of either of two parties, all absentee ballots shall be
1249 separated, counted, tallied and placed in depository envelopes by
1250 voting district. Any member of the public may observe the counting of
1251 absentee ballots at such central location.

1252 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may
1253 be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a in the respective
1254 polling places if the registrars of voters agree that such absentee ballots
1255 should be so counted. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under
1256 section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, absentee

1257 ballots may be counted in the respective polling places if the parties
1258 agree that such absentee ballots should be so counted. Any election
1259 official serving in a polling place may observe the counting of absentee
1260 ballots at such polling place.

1261 (c) (1) [For the state election in 2020, absentee] Absentee ballots may
1262 be processed before the day of [the] any election, primary or referendum
1263 in the manner provided in section 9-150e, as amended by this act. Any
1264 such processing shall take place at a central location designated by the
1265 registrars of voters in writing to the municipal clerk at least ten days
1266 before the election, which location shall be published in the warning for
1267 the election.

1268 (2) If absentee ballots are to be processed pursuant to subdivision (1)
1269 of this subsection, the registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall
1270 jointly certify such fact in writing to the Secretary of the State at least ten
1271 days before the election. Such written certification shall (A) include the
1272 name, street address and relevant contact information associated with
1273 the designated central location, and (B) list the name and address of each
1274 absentee ballot counter appointed pursuant to section 9-147c. The
1275 Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written certification not later
1276 than two days after receipt of such certification and may require the
1277 appointment of one or more additional absentee ballot counters.

1278 (3) In the case of absentee ballots delivered to the registrars on the
1279 day of the election, nothing in this subsection shall preclude the
1280 counting of such absentee ballots in the respective polling places
1281 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

1282 Sec. 23. Section 9-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1283 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1284 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-150a, [for the state
1285 election in 2020,] in any municipality in which absentee ballots are
1286 processed pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection [(c)] (b) of section 9-
1287 147a, as amended by this act:

1288 (a) (1) Not earlier than five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before the
1289 election, primary or referendum, the absentee ballot counters shall
1290 proceed to the central counting location at the times designated by the
1291 registrars of voters;

1292 (2) At the time each group of ballots is delivered pursuant to
1293 [subdivision (2) of] subsection (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this
1294 act, the counters shall proceed as hereinafter provided;

1295 (3) Except with respect to ballots marked "Rejected" pursuant to
1296 section 9-140c, as amended by this act, or other applicable law, the
1297 counters shall then remove the inner envelopes from the outer
1298 envelopes, shall note the total number of absentee ballots received and
1299 shall report such total to the moderator. The counters shall similarly
1300 note and separately so report the total numbers of presidential ballots
1301 and overseas ballots received pursuant to sections 9-158a to 9-158m,
1302 inclusive;

1303 (4) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
1304 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
1305 the ballot removed therefrom at that time, and such inner envelope shall
1306 be replaced in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked
1307 "Rejected" and the reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters and
1308 returned to the registrars of voters for the purposes of the daily
1309 notification described in section 24 of this act; and

1310 (5) Not earlier than the day of the election, and after the duties under
1311 subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection have been
1312 performed, absentee ballots shall be counted in the manner provided in
1313 subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-150a.

1314 (b) In accordance with instructions [which shall be] prescribed by the
1315 Secretary of the State, [not later than ten days before the election,] each
1316 group of ballots delivered pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection
1317 (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this act, shall be kept secure (1)
1318 throughout the performance of the duties under subdivisions (1) to (4),
1319 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section, and (2) after such performance

1320 until such time on the day of the election that absentee ballots are
1321 counted in the manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of
1322 section 9-150a. The requirements of this subsection shall be in addition
1323 to all other applicable requirements under this title regarding the
1324 security of absentee ballots and any related materials.

1325 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Immediately upon the return to
1326 the registrars of voters by the absentee ballot counters of any absentee
1327 ballot marked "Rejected" pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of
1328 section 9-150e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the
1329 registrars of voters shall notify the applicable town committee, if any,
1330 and the League of Women Voters for the purpose of advising any
1331 absentee ballot applicant that (1) such applicant's ballot has been
1332 rejected, and (2) such applicant may still vote in person on the day of the
1333 election, primary or referendum.

1334 Sec. 25. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the
1335 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1336 [(a)] Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal
1337 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed
1338 before [ten o'clock a.m.] five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before
1339 election, primary or referendum day to the municipal clerk's office and
1340 request that such elector's ballot be withdrawn. The municipal clerk
1341 shall remove the ballot from the sealed package and shall mark the
1342 serially-numbered outer envelope, which shall remain unopened,
1343 "rejected" and note the reasons for rejection. The elector shall also
1344 endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot shall then be returned to the
1345 sealed package until delivered on election, primary or referendum day
1346 to the registrars of voters in accordance with section 9-140c, as amended
1347 by this act. The municipal clerk shall then give the elector a signed
1348 statement directed to the moderator of the voting district in which the
1349 elector resides stating that the elector has withdrawn such elector's
1350 absentee ballot and may vote in person. Upon delivery of the statement
1351 by the elector to the moderator, the moderator shall cause the absentee
1352 indication next to the name of the elector to be stricken from the official

1353 checklist and the elector may then have such elector's name checked and
1354 vote in person. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the
1355 respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a,
1356 the municipal clerk shall also cause the absentee indication next to the
1357 name of the elector to be stricken from the duplicate checklist to be used
1358 by the absentee ballot counters.

1359 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
1360 for the state election in 2020, any elector who has returned an absentee
1361 ballot to the municipal clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote
1362 in person shall proceed before five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before
1363 the election to the municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's
1364 ballot be withdrawn.]

1365 Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 9-159q of the general statutes is
1366 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
1367 *passage*):

1368 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
1369 contrary, if less than twenty of the patients in any institution in the state
1370 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall, upon request
1371 of either registrar of voters in the town of such electors' voting residence
1372 or the administrator of such institution, be voted under the supervision
1373 of such registrars of voters or their designees, which may include one or
1374 more members of the League of Women Voters, in accordance with the
1375 provisions of this section. The registrars of voters of a town other than
1376 the town in which an institution is located may refuse a request by the
1377 administrator of such institution when, in their written opinion, the
1378 registrars agree that such request is unnecessary, in which case this
1379 section shall not apply. Such registrars shall inform the administrator
1380 and the town clerk of the electors' town of voting residence of their
1381 refusal.

1382 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any municipality may
1383 provide a system, approved by the Secretary of the State, for the
1384 electronic return of an absentee ballot by any elector described in section
1385 9-153d of the general statutes or any person with a disability that applies

1386 for an absentee ballot pursuant to section 9-140 of the general statutes.
1387 Any such elector or person using such system to electronically return an
1388 absentee ballot shall certify his or her agreement to the use of such
1389 system and any terms of such use.

1390 (b) Any system described in subsection (a) of this section shall
1391 include, at a minimum, (1) independent security evaluation and post-
1392 election audits, (2) blockchain or web-based infrastructure, (3) the
1393 ability to spoil a ballot, in which case a subsequent ballot shall be issued
1394 and only the final ballot of such elector or person may be cast, and (4)
1395 automatic preparation of ballots that can be printed and inserted into
1396 any tabulator used at any election, primary or referendum.

1397 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Whenever voter registration
1398 information maintained under title 9 of the general statutes by the
1399 Secretary of the State or any registrar of voters is provided pursuant to
1400 any provision of the general statutes, disclosure of a voter's date of birth
1401 shall be limited to only the year of birth, unless such voter registration
1402 information is requested and used for a governmental purpose, as
1403 determined by the Secretary, in which case the voter's complete date of
1404 birth shall be provided. As used in this section, a governmental purpose
1405 shall include, but not be limited to, jury administration.

1406 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor
1407 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number, Social Security
1408 number and any other unique identifier used for the purpose of
1409 generating a voter registration record, or added to such record for
1410 compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, P.L.
1411 107-252, as amended from time to time, shall be confidential and shall
1412 not be disclosed to any person.

1413 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a voter
1414 submits to the Secretary of the State a signed statement that
1415 nondisclosure of such voter's name from the official registry list is
1416 necessary for the safety of such voter or the voter's family, the name and
1417 address of such voter on his or her voter registration record shall be
1418 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except that an election, primary

1419 or referendum official may view such information on the official registry
 1420 list when such list is used by any such official at a polling place on the
 1421 day of an election, primary or referendum.

1422 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In the case of a municipality, or
 1423 a voting district within a municipality, in which, as reported in the
 1424 decennial census of the United States, (1) the number of United States
 1425 citizens of voting age in a single language minority group (A) is more
 1426 than seven thousand five hundred, (B) makes up more than three per
 1427 cent of all voting age citizens in such municipality or voting district, or
 1428 (C) if on an Indian reservation, makes up more than three per cent of all
 1429 reservation residents, or (2) the illiteracy rate of a single language
 1430 minority group is higher than the national illiteracy rate, such
 1431 municipality at any election, primary or referendum held within such
 1432 municipality or voting district shall make available ballots in the
 1433 language of each such language minority group to be used in such
 1434 municipality or voting district at such election, primary or referendum.
 1435 As used in this section, "language minority group" means American
 1436 Indians, Asian Americans, Alaskan Natives or Spanish-heritage
 1437 citizens.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23n
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23o
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	9-23p
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-17(c)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	1-4
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-12
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-261
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-46
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-46a

Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-236
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-225(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-226
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-140(a) and (b)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(a) to (c)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	9-140e
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	9-147a
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	9-150e
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	9-159q(b)
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To make several changes to election laws designed to increase opportunities for absentee voting, safe and secure in-person voting and voter registration.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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