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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5004**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING."

1 Strike subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 in their entirety and
2 substitute the following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) (1) Any eligible elector
4 may vote prior to the day of a regular election or primary, in accordance
5 with the provisions of this section, during a period of early voting at
6 each regular election and each primary held on or after January 1, 2024.
7 Such period of early voting shall (A) notwithstanding the provisions of
8 section 9-2 of the general statutes, commence on the eleventh day prior
9 to and conclude on the second day prior to such regular election or
10 primary, and (B) consist of ten total days, at such times as provided in
11 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes,
12 as amended by this act.

13 (2) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a special election,
14 in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a period of
15 early voting at each such special election held on or after January 1, 2024.
16 Such period of early voting shall (A) notwithstanding the provisions of
17 section 9-2 of the general statutes, commence on the fifth day prior to
18 and conclude on the second day prior to such special election, and (B)
19 consist of four total days, at such times as provided in subdivision (2) of
20 subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this
21 act.

22 (b) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a
23 location for the conduct of early voting, which location shall be the same
24 for the duration of the period of early voting except as otherwise
25 specified in this subdivision, provided (A) the registrars of voters have
26 access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such
27 location, and (B) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of
28 the State not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the day of a
29 regular election or a primary, or not later than twenty days prior to the
30 day of a special election. The written certification under subparagraph
31 (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i) the name, street address and
32 relevant contact information associated with such location, (ii) the
33 number of election or primary officials to be appointed by the registrars
34 of voters to serve at such location and the roles of such officials, and (iii)
35 a description of the design of such location and a plan for effective
36 conduct of such early voting. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove
37 such written certification not later than ninety days prior to the day of a
38 regular election or a primary, or not later than fifteen days prior to the
39 day of a special election. If the Secretary disapproves such certification,
40 the Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such disapproval
41 and shall issue an order for such corrective action as the Secretary deems
42 necessary, including, but not limited to, the appointment of additional
43 election or primary officials or the alteration of such design or plan.
44 After having received approval of such certification or having complied
45 with any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as
46 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such

47 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one
48 days prior to a regular election or a primary, or at least eleven days prior
49 to a special election. Such location shall not be changed within such
50 period, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters
51 unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable within
52 such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate another
53 location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of the location
54 so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such location
55 has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d and 9-168e of the
56 general statutes shall apply to such location designated for the conduct
57 of early voting.

58 (2) In any municipality with a population of at least twenty thousand,
59 the legislative body may hold a public hearing on whether to designate
60 any additional location in such municipality for the conduct of early
61 voting, which public hearing, if any, shall be held not later than fifteen
62 days prior to the time for designating any such location set forth in
63 subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any legislative body holding such a
64 public hearing shall properly notice such public hearing not later than
65 ten days prior to such public hearing in a newspaper having general
66 circulation in such municipality and on the Internet web site of the
67 municipality. For any such municipality in which such a public hearing
68 was not held, the legislative body thereof shall determine whether to
69 designate any such additional location and shall notify the Secretary of
70 the State with a detailed explanation for such determination. For any
71 municipality in which such a public hearing was held, not later than
72 three days after the conclusion of such public hearing, the legislative
73 body thereof shall determine whether to designate any such additional
74 location and shall notify the Secretary with a detailed explanation for
75 such determination. If the legislative body determines that any such
76 additional location be designated, the registrars of voters shall so
77 designate such additional location and the provisions of subdivision (1)
78 of this subsection shall apply to such additional location. The Secretary
79 shall take no action on any detailed explanation submitted under this
80 subdivision with regard to the number of additional locations

81 designated in such a municipality, and shall preserve each such detailed
82 explanation as a public record open to public inspection. For the
83 purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the estimated number
84 of people according to the most recent version of the State Register and
85 Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

86 (3) At each location designated for the conduct of early voting, the
87 registrars of voters shall provide to prospective electors during the early
88 voting period the opportunity to apply for same-day election
89 registration, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 9-19j
90 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for such application and
91 for the completion and processing of any such application.

92 (4) The registrars of voters shall appoint, for each day on which early
93 voting is conducted, a moderator and such other election or primary
94 officials to serve at each location designated for such conduct. The
95 moderator so appointed shall perform any duty required, and may
96 exercise any power authorized, under title 9 of the general statutes
97 related to such location. The registrars of voters may delegate to each
98 other election or primary official so appointed any of the responsibilities
99 assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall
100 supervise each such official and train each such official to be an early
101 voting election or primary official."