



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5004

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Cal. No. 461

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

5 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any
6 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if
7 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's
8 polling place [on the day of such primary, election or referendum]
9 during the hours of voting for any of the following reasons: (1) Such
10 elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the United
11 States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of such
12 elector's or person's voting residence during all of the hours of voting;
13 (3) [sickness] such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or
14 person's physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's
15 religion forbid secular activity on the day of such primary, election or
16 referendum; or (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's

17 duties as a primary, election or referendum official, including as a town
18 clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling
19 place other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours
20 of voting at such primary, election or referendum.

21 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for
22 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to
23 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

24 Sec. 502. Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

26 Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk, inserted
27 in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed and which
28 shall have printed on its face a form containing the following statements:

29 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
30 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum
31 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I
32 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place [on the day of] during
33 the hours of voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or
34 more of the following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces;
35 (2) my absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all
36 of the hours of voting; (3) [sickness] my illness; (4) my physical
37 disability; (5) the tenets of my religion which forbid secular activity on
38 the day of such primary, election or referendum; or (6) my duties as a
39 primary, election or referendum official.

40 Date

41 (Signature)""

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-135
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-137