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AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING AND REPORTING OF RESULTS AT THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AND ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any
4 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if
5 [he or she] such elector or person is unable to appear at [his or her] such
6 elector's or person's polling place during the hours of voting for any of
7 the following reasons: (1) [His or her] such elector's or person's active
8 service with the armed forces of the United States; (2) [his or her] such
9 elector's or person's absence from the town of [his or her] such elector's
10 or person's voting residence during all of the hours of voting; (3) [his or
11 her] such elector's or person's illness; (4) [his or her] such elector's or

12 person's physical disability; (5) the tenets of [his or her] such elector's or
13 person's religion forbid secular activity on the day of the primary,
14 election or referendum; [or] (6) the required performance of [his or her]
15 such elector's or person's duties as a primary, election or referendum
16 official, including as a town clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the
17 clerk or registrar, at a polling place other than [his or her] such elector's
18 or person's own during all of the hours of voting at such primary,
19 election or referendum; or (7) for the state election in 2020, the sickness
20 of COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory
21 disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11,
22 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized
23 by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

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

27 Sec. 2. Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (a) Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk,
30 inserted in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed and
31 which shall have printed on its face a form containing the following
32 statements:

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

43 official.

44 Date

45 (Signature)"

46 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
47 for the state election in 2020, each inner envelope in which an absentee
48 ballot is returned to the municipal clerk shall have printed on its face a
49 form containing the following statements:

50 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
51 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum
52 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I
53 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of
54 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the
55 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my
56 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the
57 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my
58 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election
59 or referendum; (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum
60 official; or (6) the sickness of COVID-19.

61 Date

62 (Signature)"

63 Sec. 3. Section 9-139b of the general statutes is repealed and the
64 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

65 (a) The Secretary of the State may make any changes in any forms
66 prescribed by this chapter which, in the opinion of [said secretary] the
67 Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions of
68 federal law.

69 (b) For the state election in 2020, the Secretary of the State may make
70 any changes in any forms prescribed by this chapter or in any printed,

71 recorded or electronic material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in
72 the opinion of the Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable
73 provisions of law.

74 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is
75 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
76 *passage*):

77 (g) (1) On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets the
78 municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant
79 whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When the
80 clerk receives an application during the time period in which absentee
81 voting sets are to be issued he shall mail an absentee voting set to the
82 applicant, within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant submits his
83 application in person at the office of the clerk and asks to be given his
84 absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk shall comply
85 with the request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to an applicant
86 shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address shown on the
87 application. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be subject to the
88 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c and section 9-
89 159q concerning persons designated to deliver or return ballots in cases
90 involving unforeseen illness or disability and supervised voting at
91 certain health care institutions.

92 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
93 subsection, for the state election in 2020, each absentee voting set
94 required to be mailed to an applicant under said subdivision (A) shall
95 be mailed within forty-eight hours after the application for such
96 absentee voting set is received by the municipal clerk, and (B) may be
97 mailed by a third-party mailing vendor approved and selected by the
98 Secretary of the State for use by the clerk for such purpose, provided
99 any contract between the Secretary and any such vendor shall require
100 that such vendor use best efforts to mail each absentee voting set within
101 forty-eight hours after the application for such absentee voting set is
102 received by the municipal clerk.

103 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
104 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
105 *passage*):

106 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the
107 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
108 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
109 State, or (B) for the state election in 2020, deposited in a secure drop box
110 designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance with
111 instructions prescribed by the Secretary.

112 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of
113 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the twenty-ninth day
114 before the state election in 2020 and on each weekday thereafter until
115 the close of the polls, the municipal clerk shall (A) retrieve from the
116 secure drop box described in said subparagraph each such ballot
117 deposited in such drop box, and (B) if the drop box is located outside a
118 building other than the building where the clerk's office is located,
119 arrange for the clerk or the clerk's designee to be escorted by a police
120 officer during such retrieval.

121 Sec. 6. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is repealed and the
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

123 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing absentee
124 ballots received by him under section 9-140b and shall not open such
125 envelopes. The municipal clerk shall endorse over his signature, upon
126 each outer envelope as he receives it, the date and precise time of its
127 receipt. The clerk shall make an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of all
128 such endorsements, and at the close of the polls shall deliver such
129 affidavit to the head moderator, who shall endorse the time of its receipt
130 and return it to the clerk after all counting is complete. The clerk shall
131 preserve the affidavit for one hundred eighty days in accordance with
132 the requirements of section 9-150b. The clerk shall keep a list of the
133 names of the applicants who return absentee ballots to the clerk under

134 section 9-140b. The list shall be preserved as a public record as required
135 by section 9-150b.

136 (b) (1) [Beginning] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
137 subsection, beginning not earlier than the seventh day before the
138 election, primary or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all
139 absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk not later than eleven
140 o'clock a.m. of such day may be sorted into voting districts by the
141 municipal clerk and checked as provided in this subsection. On any
142 such day, beginning as soon as the ballots have been sorted, the
143 registrars of voters, without opening the outer envelopes, may check the
144 names of the applicants returning ballots on the official checklist to be
145 used at the election, primary or referendum by indicating "absentee" or
146 "A" preceding each such name and, if unaffiliated electors are
147 authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two
148 parties, the designation of the party in which the applicants are voting
149 preceding each such name. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in
150 the respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-
151 147a, the registrars shall also place such indication on a duplicate of the
152 checklist to be retained by the municipal clerk until he delivers it to the
153 registrars at twelve o'clock noon, except as provided in subparagraph
154 (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, on election,
155 primary or referendum day for the use of the absentee ballot counters
156 pursuant to subsection (i) of this section. All absentee ballots received
157 not later than eleven o'clock a.m. of the last day before the election,
158 primary or referendum which is not a Sunday or legal holiday, shall be
159 so sorted and checked not later than such day.

160 (2) For the state election in 2020, beginning the fourteenth day before
161 the election and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots received
162 by the municipal clerk not later than eleven o'clock a.m. of such day may
163 be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and checked as
164 provided in said subdivision.

165 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the

166 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the
167 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word
168 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the
169 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

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

173 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, ballots
174 received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on such last day before the
175 election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the municipal
176 clerk to the registrars not earlier than ten o'clock a.m. and not later than
177 twelve o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary and at twelve
178 o'clock noon on the day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to
179 be counted in the respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b)
180 of section 9-147a, the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars
181 at this time the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this
182 section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
183 subsection (i) of this section.

184 (2) (A) For the state election in 2020, ballots received not later than
185 eleven o'clock a.m. on such last day before the election shall be delivered
186 by the municipal clerk to the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of
187 the election.

188 ~~[(2)] (B)~~ The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at a time that is
189 later than the time provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection or
190 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, provided such time is mutually
191 agreed upon by the municipal clerk and registrars and is not later than
192 eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

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

197 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of such
198 last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six o'clock
199 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall, upon
200 request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the municipal
201 clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
202 referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by the
203 clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight o'clock
204 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

205 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. and any ballots
206 received prior to six o'clock p.m. which were not delivered earlier shall
207 be delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking.
208 Although absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at
209 various times throughout the election, primary or referendum day,
210 absentee ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

211 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee
212 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal
213 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. and at the close of the polls
214 pursuant to subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names
215 of the applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same
216 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

217 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
218 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m.
219 shall be called in to the appropriate polling places where they shall be
220 checked by the checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be
221 checked by the absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist
222 required under subsection (b) of this section.

223 (B) [When] Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling
224 place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the names of
225 applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m. shall be
226 checked by the absentee ballot counters and checkers at such polling
227 place on the official checklist used at such polling place.

228 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
229 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the
230 polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official
231 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists, bearing
232 the certifications required by section 9-307, shall be delivered by the
233 registrars or assistant registrars to the central counting moderator for
234 that purpose.

235 (B) [When] Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling
236 place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the official checklist
237 used at such polling place shall remain in such polling place for
238 checking by the absentee ballot counters at such polling place.

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

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

250 (B) [When] Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling
251 place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, and such counting is
252 completed and the result for such polling place is announced, the
253 moderator for such polling place shall deliver the official checklist used
254 at such polling place and the return required by section 9-150b to the
255 head moderator.

256 (j) Each time ballots are delivered by the clerk to the registrars on
257 election, primary or referendum day, the clerk and registrars shall
258 execute an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots

259 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for six months in
260 accordance with section 9-150b.

261 (k) Each group of absentee ballots shall be counted by the absentee
262 ballot counters when received from the registrars on election, primary
263 or referendum day, in the manner provided in section 9-150a.

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

267 Sec. 7. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the
268 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

269 (a) Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal
270 clerk and who finds [he] such elector is able to vote in person shall
271 proceed before ten o'clock a.m. on election, primary or referendum day
272 to the municipal clerk's office and request that [his] such elector's ballot
273 be withdrawn. The municipal clerk shall remove the ballot from the
274 sealed package and shall mark the serially-numbered outer envelope,
275 which shall remain unopened, "rejected" and note the reasons for
276 rejection. The elector shall also endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot
277 shall then be returned to the sealed package until delivered on election,
278 primary or referendum day to the registrars of voters in accordance with
279 section 9-140c. The municipal clerk shall then give the elector a signed
280 statement directed to the moderator of the voting district in which the
281 elector resides stating that the elector has withdrawn his absentee ballot
282 and may vote in person. Upon delivery of the statement by the elector
283 to the moderator, the moderator shall cause the absentee indication next
284 to the name of the elector to be stricken from the official checklist and
285 the elector may then have [his] such elector's name checked and vote in
286 person. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective
287 polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, the municipal
288 clerk shall also cause the absentee indication next to the name of the
289 elector to be stricken from the duplicate checklist to be used by the

290 absentee ballot counters.

291 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
292 for the state election in 2020, any elector who has returned an absentee
293 ballot to the municipal clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote
294 in person shall proceed before five o'clock p.m. on the last day before
295 the election to the municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's
296 ballot be withdrawn.

297 Sec. 8. Section 9-159r of the general statutes is repealed and the
298 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

299 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
300 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state
301 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted under
302 the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of the town
303 in which the institution is located, in accordance with the provisions of
304 this section. As used in this section, [the term "institution" shall be
305 construed as defined] "institution" has the same meaning as provided in
306 section 9-159q.

307 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be
308 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.
309 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140 shall apply, except
310 that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting set for any such
311 application to the clerk of the town in which the institution is located,
312 who shall deliver all such voting sets he receives to the registrars of such
313 town, on the date when the supervision of absentee balloting is to occur.
314 The ballots and envelopes shall be prepared for delivery to the applicant
315 as provided in sections 9-137 to 9-140a, inclusive. The registrars or their
316 designees shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots.
317 The registrars of the town in which an institution is located and the
318 administrator of the institution shall mutually agree on a date and time
319 for such supervision of absentee balloting, which shall be not later than
320 the last business day before the election or primary.

321 (c) The supervision of absentee balloting under this section shall be
322 carried out in accordance with the provisions of subsections (g), (h), (i)
323 and (k) of section 9-159q.

324 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
325 of this section, for the state election in 2020, the Secretary of the State
326 may waive any requirement under said subsections, provided the
327 Secretary (1) waives such requirement in recognition of the public health
328 and civil preparedness emergency declared by the Governor on March
329 10, 2020, and has consulted with the Commissioner of Public Health or
330 said commissioner's designee regarding such waiver, (2) has given
331 written notice to the town clerk and registrars of voters in each
332 municipality, and (3) has submitted a report, in accordance with section
333 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
334 cognizance of matters relating to elections advising of such waiver and
335 specifying alternative actions to be taken to provide opportunities for
336 absentee voting by electors described in this section.

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

339 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of
340 this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,
341 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

342 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
343 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
344 wishes to change [his or her] such elector's registration to another
345 municipality pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection
346 (e) of this section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under
347 subsection (a) of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on
348 election day pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i),
349 inclusive, of this section.

350 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
351 completion and processing of election day registration applications on

352 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to
353 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
354 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
355 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written
356 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall (i) include
357 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
358 with such location, (ii) list the name and address of each election official
359 appointed to serve at such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description
360 of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and
361 processing of such applications. The Secretary shall approve or
362 disapprove such written certification not later than fifteen days before
363 election day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or
364 more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

365 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
366 later than sixty days before election day, in a form and manner
367 prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the
368 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
369 election day. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
370 application not later than forty-five days before election day. If the
371 Secretary approves such application, the registrars of voters may so
372 designate any such additional location. The provisions of subdivision
373 (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional location.

374 [(2)] (3) The registrars of voters may [appoint one or more election
375 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election
376 officials] delegate to each election official appointed pursuant to
377 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of the responsibilities
378 assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall
379 supervise each such election [officials] official and train each such
380 election [officials] official to be an election day registration election
381 [officials] official.

382 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
383 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make

384 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
385 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than
386 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at
387 the location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
388 registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
389 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
390 issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by
391 section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the
392 applicant has not previously voted in the election. If the information that
393 the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections
394 (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the
395 applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also submit
396 identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence address,
397 including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-
398 36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current address and
399 that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after the election or,
400 in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a
401 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the
402 applicant's name and current address.

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

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

410 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
411 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
412 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
413 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
414 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
415 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality

416 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
417 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
418 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
419 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall
420 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
421 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

422 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
423 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
424 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
425 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
426 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
427 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
428 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
429 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
430 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
431 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
432 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall
433 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which shall
434 conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

439 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
440 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
441 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
442 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
443 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
444 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
445 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and
446 signed by the voter:

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

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

450 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
451 indicated.

452 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
453 complete.

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

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

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

460 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
461 and received an election day registration ballot.

462 (Signature of voter)

463 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
464 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
465 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration
466 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration
467 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and
468 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot
469 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters
470 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport
471 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the
472 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-
473 147a, where absentee ballots are counted and such election day
474 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at

475 such central location or polling place. A section of the head moderator's
476 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots
477 received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the
478 vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository envelope
479 with the election day registration ballots and store such election day
480 registration depository envelope with the other election results
481 materials. The election day registration depository envelope shall be
482 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to
483 preserve counted ballots for elections.

484 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning
485 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee
486 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and
487 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),
488 inclusive, of this section.

489 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars
490 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the
491 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on
492 election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section. Such
493 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the
494 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on
495 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the
496 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
497 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
498 deadline in section 9-35.

499 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy
500 of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition to any
501 question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any
502 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
503 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any
504 location designated by the [registrars' of voters designated location]
505 registrars of voters for election day registration balloting or in any
506 corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside

507 entrance to any such [registrars' of voters designated] location or in any
508 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

509 Sec. 10. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
510 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

511 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act
512 or municipal charter, [to the contrary,] at any regular election, or at any
513 special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or municipal
514 office, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until
515 eight o'clock p.m. No elector shall be permitted to cast [his] such
516 elector's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any
517 election unless such elector is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election
518 official or a police [official] officer of the municipality, who is designated
519 by the moderator, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock
520 p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow any electors who were not in
521 such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

522 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act
523 or municipal charter, at any regular election, each location designated
524 for election day registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j
525 shall remain open for election day registration and voting from six
526 o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day
527 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such
528 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location
529 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such
530 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police
531 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,
532 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or
533 officer shall not allow any applicants who were not in such line at eight
534 o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

535 Sec. 11. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
536 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

537 (a) Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checker or

538 checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make
539 and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of
540 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,
541 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
542 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or
543 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on
544 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or
545 overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be
546 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant
547 registrars, as the case may be, shall write and sign with ink, on the list
548 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of names
549 registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary and the
550 number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and
551 deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
552 hours after the close of the polls. If an electronic version of the registry
553 list is used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored shall be
554 returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the electronic
555 registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by each
556 registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal clerk
557 not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. The municipal
558 clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or printed electronic
559 registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on it without
560 alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified
561 copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of
562 section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting checklist four
563 years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place
564 the certificate which the moderator received from the official checker or
565 checkers in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
566 hours after the close of the polls.

567 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
568 for the state election in 2020, any certificate or list required under said
569 subsection to be deposited or placed in the office of the municipal clerk
570 shall be so deposited or placed not later than ninety-six hours after the

571 close of the polls.

572 Sec. 12. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the
573 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

574 (a) Upon the close of the polls, the moderator, in the presence of the
575 other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator
576 against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all candidates
577 and questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the
578 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot, read and announce in
579 distinct tones the result as shown, giving the number indicated and
580 indicating the candidate to whom such total belongs, and shall read the
581 votes recorded for each office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in
582 the same manner, announce the vote on each constitutional amendment,
583 proposition or other question voted on. The vote so announced by the
584 moderator shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the
585 tally sheets. Each checker shall record the number of votes received for
586 each candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each
587 person for whom write-in ballots were cast. The moderator shall make
588 a preliminary list from the vote totals produced by the tabulators and
589 shall prepare such preliminary list for transmission to the Secretary of
590 the State pursuant to section 9-314. After such preliminary list has been
591 transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the canvass may be temporarily
592 interrupted, during which time the moderator shall (1) return the keys
593 for all tabulators to the registrars of voters, (2) seal the tabulators against
594 voting or being tampered with, (3) prepare and seal individual
595 envelopes for all (A) write-in ballots, (B) absentee ballots, (C)
596 moderators' returns, and (D) other notes, worksheets or written
597 materials used at the election, and (4) store all such tabulators and
598 envelopes in a secure place or places directed by the registrars of voters.
599 At the end of such temporary interruption, the moderator shall receive
600 such keys from the registrars and shall take possession of and break the
601 seal on all such tabulators and envelopes for the purpose of completing
602 the canvass. The result totals shall remain in full public view until the
603 statement of canvass and all other reports have been fully completed

604 and signed by the moderator, checkers and registrars, or assistant
605 registrars, as the case may be. Any other remaining result of the votes
606 cast shall be publicly announced by the moderator not later than forty-
607 eight hours after the close of the polls. Such public announcement shall
608 consist of reading both the name of each candidate, with the designating
609 number and letter on the ballot and the absentee vote as furnished to the
610 moderator by the absentee ballot counters, and also the vote cast for and
611 against each question submitted. While such announcement is being
612 made, ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present
613 to compare the results so announced with the result totals provided by
614 the tabulator and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made
615 by the moderator, checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after
616 which the compartments of the voting tabulator shall be closed and
617 locked. In canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the election
618 officials shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the Secretary
619 of the State.

620 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
621 for the state election in 2020, after the preliminary list has been
622 transmitted to the Secretary of the State, any other remaining result of
623 the votes cast required under said subsection to be publicly announced
624 by the moderator shall be so announced not later than ninety-six hours
625 after the close of the polls.

626 Sec. 13. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the
627 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

628 (a) (1) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the
629 moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting
630 district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by
631 written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of
632 at least two checkers of different political parties and at least two
633 absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at such
634 election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
635 election was held and such other officials as may be required to conduct

636 such recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars
637 of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository
638 envelopes required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots
639 provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of
640 absentee ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns
641 and shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not
642 later than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the
643 returns of a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or
644 write-in ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such
645 recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the
646 registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass
647 official unable to attend shall designate another elector having previous
648 training and experience in the conduct of elections to take his place.
649 Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in
650 writing, to the chairman of the town committee of each political party
651 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
652 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
653 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
654 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
655 chairman may send representatives to be present at such recanvass.
656 Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass
657 official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the
658 recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be
659 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating
660 to the election.

661 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
662 subsection, for the state election in 2020, (A) if, within five days after the
663 election, it appears to the moderator that there is a discrepancy in the
664 returns of any voting district, such moderator shall forthwith within
665 said period summon, by written notice delivered personally, the
666 recanvass officials to conduct such recanvass in accordance with the
667 provisions of said subdivision, and (B) such written notice shall require
668 such recanvass officials to meet not later than the seventh business day

669 after the election for such purpose.

670 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
671 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
672 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
673 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such
674 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,
675 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such
676 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open
677 to public observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of
678 such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of the number
679 on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided,
680 on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of
681 voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each
682 such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials,
683 in the presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall
684 immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then
685 open the package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast
686 thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the
687 recanvass officials shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots
688 against the inner envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list
689 to verify postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to
690 determine whether the number of envelopes from which absentee
691 ballots have been removed is the same as the number of persons checked
692 as having voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be
693 recanvassed at this time. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same
694 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the
695 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

696 (c) (1) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
697 prescribed in section 9-309 on return forms provided by the registrars of
698 voters and appended thereto shall be a statement signed by the
699 moderator indicating the time and place of the recanvass and the names,
700 addresses, titles and party affiliations of the recanvass officials. The
701 write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly secured sealed package.

702 Upon the completion of such recanvass, any tabulator used in such
703 recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys thereof shall immediately
704 be returned to such registrars of voters and such tabulator shall remain
705 so locked until the expiration of fourteen days after such election or for
706 such longer period as is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
707 The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their wrappers and be resealed
708 by the moderator in the presence of the recanvass officials. Upon the
709 completion of such recanvass, such moderator and at least two of the
710 recanvass officials of different political parties shall forthwith prepare
711 and sign such return forms which shall contain a written statement
712 giving the result of such recanvass for each tabulator and each package
713 of absentee ballots whose returns were so recanvassed, setting forth
714 whether or not the original canvass was correctly made and stating
715 whether or not the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for. Such
716 return forms containing such statement shall forthwith be filed by the
717 moderator in the office of such clerk. If such recanvass reveals that the
718 original canvass of returns was not correctly made, such return forms
719 containing such statement so filed with the clerk shall constitute a
720 corrected return. In the case of a state election, a recanvass return shall
721 be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and provided by the
722 Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one copy with the
723 Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk not later than
724 ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be substituted for
725 the original return and shall have the same force and effect as an original
726 return.

727 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
728 subsection, for the state election in 2020, each copy of the recanvass
729 return required under said subdivision to be filed by the moderator with
730 the Secretary of the State and the town clerk shall be so filed not later
731 than twelve days after the election.

732 (d) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of
733 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the
734 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,

735 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a
736 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different
737 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in
738 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the
739 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was
740 moderator.

741 Sec. 14. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

743 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
744 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the
745 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
746 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of
747 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
748 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
749 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
750 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
751 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,
752 as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town and shall
753 immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of the State
754 not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary list has
755 been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator shall make
756 a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for each of the
757 following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
758 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
759 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
760 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
761 when said officers are to be chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the
762 total number of names on the official check list of such town and the
763 total number of names checked as having voted. The moderator shall
764 transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by electronic
765 means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later than forty-
766 eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The moderator
767 shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of

768 the State not later than the third day after the election. Any such
769 moderator who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the
770 Secretary of the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of
771 fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists
772 to the clerk of such town. The Secretary of the State shall enter the
773 returns in tabular form in books kept by the Secretary for that purpose
774 and present a printed report of the same, with the name of, and the total
775 number of votes received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to
776 the General Assembly at its next session.

777 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
778 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,
779 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
780 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each
781 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely
782 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town
783 and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of
784 the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary
785 list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator
786 shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for
787 each municipal office elected at such municipal election. Such duplicate
788 list shall indicate the total number of names on the official check list of
789 such town and the total number of names checked as having voted and
790 shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The
791 moderator shall transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State
792 by electronic means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later
793 than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The
794 moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the
795 Secretary of the State not later than the third day after the election. Any
796 such moderator who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to
797 the Secretary of the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee
798 of fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate
799 lists to the clerk of such town.

800 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this

801 section, for the state election in 2020, (1) the duplicate list required under
802 said subsections to be transmitted by electronic means to the Secretary
803 by such moderator shall be so transmitted not later than ninety-six
804 hours after the close of the polls on election day, and (2) the duplicate
805 list required under said subsections to be sealed and delivered to the
806 Secretary shall be so delivered not later than the fifth day after the
807 election.

808 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is
809 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
810 *passage*):

811 (a) (1) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular
812 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast
813 at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the
814 third day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars
815 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall
816 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.
817 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator
818 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the
819 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

820 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
821 subsection, for the state election in 2020, (A) the results of the votes cast
822 at the election required under said subdivision to be provided to the
823 town clerk by the registrars of voters shall be so provided not later than
824 ninety-six hours following the election, (B) the meeting to identify any
825 error in the returns required under said subdivision among the head
826 moderator, registrars of voters and town clerk for each town divided
827 into voting districts shall occur not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the
828 fifth day following the election, and (C) any identified error required
829 under said subdivision to be corrected, and any amended return
830 required under said subdivision to be filed with the Secretary of the
831 State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters, by the head moderator
832 shall be so corrected or filed, as applicable, not later than one o'clock

833 p.m. on the fifth day following the election.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-135
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-137
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-139b
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(g)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-159r
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-174
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-307
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-311
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)