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AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
4 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
5 persons who, during the preceding calendar month, have been (1)
6 convicted in the Superior Court of a felony and committed to the
7 custody of the Commissioner of Correction for confinement in a
8 correctional institution or facility, [or a community residence] or (2)
9 returned to confinement in a correctional institution or facility from
10 parole or special parole, release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-
11 100e, 18-100h or 18-100i or furlough pursuant to section 18-101a. Such
12 lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such persons,
13 with the dates of their conviction and the crimes of which such persons
14 have been convicted, or the dates of the violation of their parole, special
15 parole, release or furlough and the nature of such violation, as
16 applicable. The Secretary of the State shall transmit such lists to the
17 registrars of the towns in which such [convicted] persons who have been
18 convicted or returned to confinement, as applicable, resided at the time

19 of their conviction or violation of parole, special parole, release or
20 furlough and to the registrars of any towns where the [secretary]
21 Secretary believes such persons may be electors. The registrars of such
22 towns shall compare the same with the list of electors upon their registry
23 lists and, after written notice mailed by certified mail to each of the
24 persons named at the last-known place of address of such person, shall
25 erase such names from the registry lists in their respective towns or
26 voting districts.

27 (b) Any person who procures such person or another to be registered
28 after having been disfranchised by reason of conviction of crime and
29 committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for
30 confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a community
31 residence, and any person who votes at any election after having
32 forfeited such privileges by reason of conviction of crime and
33 confinement, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and
34 imprisoned not more than one year.

35 Sec. 2. Section 9-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

37 (a) A person shall forfeit such person's right to become an elector and
38 such person's privileges as an elector upon conviction of a felony and
39 (1) committal to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for
40 confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
41 community residence, (2) committal to confinement in a federal
42 correctional institution or facility, or (3) committal to the custody of the
43 chief correctional official of any other state or a county of any other state
44 for confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or] but not a
45 community residence, in such state or county.

46 (b) If a person has forfeited such person's privileges as an elector
47 under subsection (a) of this section, has regained such privileges under
48 section 9-46a, as amended by this act, and is subsequently returned to
49 confinement in a correctional institution or facility, but not a community
50 residence, from parole or special parole, release pursuant to section 18-

51 100, 18-100c, 18-100e, 18-100h or 18-100i or furlough pursuant to section
52 18-101a, such person shall again forfeit such privileges.

53 [(b)] (c) No person who has forfeited and not regained such person's
54 privileges as an elector [,] as provided in section 9-46a, as amended by
55 this act, or who has regained such privileges and again forfeited such
56 privileges as provided in subsection (b) of this section, may be a
57 candidate for or hold public office.

58 Sec. 3. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

60 (a) (1) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed
61 to confinement in a [federal or other state] correctional institution or
62 facility [or community residence] of the federal government or of
63 another state shall have such person's electoral privileges restored
64 [upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the conviction and]
65 once such person has been [discharged] released from confinement. [,]
66 and, if applicable, parole]

67 (2) A person who has been convicted of a felony and is committed to
68 confinement in a community residence of the federal government or of
69 another state shall have such person's electoral privileges restored if
70 such person had previously forfeited such electoral privileges.

71 (b) (1) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution
72 or facility [or a community residence] of a person who has been
73 convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner
74 of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from
75 parole, (1)] (A) the person shall have the right to become an elector, [(2)]
76 (B) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a document
77 certifying that the person has been released from such confinement,
78 [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole, (3)] (C) if the
79 person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after
80 such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same
81 municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony

82 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and [(4)]
83 (D) if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
84 after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in a different
85 municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such felony
86 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored or granted
87 upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of the
88 person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. [The provisions of
89 subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to any
90 person convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this title
91 until such person has been discharged from any parole or probation for
92 such felony]

93 (2) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to
94 the custody of the Commissioner of Correction and is confined in a
95 community residence shall have such person's electoral privileges
96 restored if such person had previously forfeited such electoral
97 privileges.

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

104 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to
105 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
106 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
107 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are
108 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant to
109 subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have such
110 privileges restored. [The Office of Adult Probation] The Commissioner
111 of Correction shall, within available appropriations, inform such
112 persons who are on [probation on January 1, 2002] parole or special
113 parole, or confined in a community residence, of their right to become
114 electors and procedures to have their electoral privileges restored,

115 which shall be in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

116 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
117 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
118 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
119 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have (1) been
120 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility, or (2)
121 begun confinement in a community residence, [and, if applicable,
122 discharged from parole.] Such lists shall include the names, birth dates
123 and addresses of such persons, with the dates of their convictions and
124 the crimes of which such persons have been convicted. The Secretary [of
125 the State] shall transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities
126 in which such convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions
127 and to the registrars of any municipalities where the [secretary]
128 Secretary believes such persons may be electors.

129 Sec. 4. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the
130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

131 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department and the
132 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make voter registration information
133 and materials available to the public. Such information and materials
134 shall be placed in public areas of the offices of such departments. The
135 State Library and the libraries of the state's public institutions of higher
136 education shall also make such information and materials available to
137 users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State shall provide such
138 departments, such libraries and any libraries open to the public with
139 suitable nonpartisan literature, materials and voter registration
140 application forms authorized under sections 9-23g and 9-23h. [The
141 secretary shall also provide to the Department of Social Services, the
142 Labor Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles any furniture
143 needed to display such literature, materials and forms.]

144 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
145 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
146 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles [, not later than January 1, 1994,] shall

147 include an application for the admission of an elector with each
148 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
149 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
150 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
151 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
152 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be subject
153 to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not include
154 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)] (C) shall
155 contain a statement that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement,
156 [(B)] (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such
157 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under
158 penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept
159 any such completed application for admission which is submitted in
160 person, [or] by mail [. The] or through an electronic system pursuant to
161 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as provided in said
162 subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of
163 perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth,
164 whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any,
165 prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's
166 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a
167 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the
168 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed
169 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall
170 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to
171 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it
172 is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for
173 registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the
174 applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the
175 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the
176 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official
177 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The
178 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was
179 submitted in person, [or] by mail or through an electronic system
180 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall
181 forthwith transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the

182 applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted
183 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
184 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
185 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
186 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)
187 and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National
188 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
189 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The
190 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the
191 provisions of section 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges
192 of persons convicted of a felony.

193 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
194 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
195 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
196 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
197 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
198 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
199 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
200 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
201 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
202 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
203 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
204 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

205 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
206 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
207 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
208 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
209 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
210 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
211 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
212 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions
213 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
214 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

215 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
216 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
217 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
218 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
219 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
220 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
221 on behalf of such person.

222 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person
223 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
224 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
225 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
226 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
227 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
228 subdivision.

229 (C) In the case of an individual already admitted as an elector and
230 who is also enrolled in a party, if use of such electronic system results in
231 such elector being removed from the enrollment list of such party
232 because such elector did not affirmatively confirm an intent to continue
233 enrollment in such party, such removal shall be presumed unintentional
234 and such elector shall be restored to such list upon such elector's
235 notification of such removal to the registrar of voters of the town of
236 residence of such elector.

237 Sec. 5. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

239 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance
240 with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license shall serve
241 as notification of change of address for voter registration for the person
242 unless the person states on the form that the change of address is not for
243 voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
244 forthwith transmit such change of address information to the registrars
245 of voters of the town of the former address of the person. If the name of
246 the person appears on the registry list of the town, and if the new

247 address is also within such town, the registrars shall enter the name of
248 such elector on the registry list at the place where he then resides. If the
249 name of the person appears on the registry list of the town and if the
250 new address is outside such town, the registrars shall remove the name
251 of such elector from the registry list and send the elector the notice,
252 information and application required by subsection (c) of section 9-35,
253 except that if said commissioner is using an electronic system pursuant
254 to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may prescribe
255 alternative procedures for sending such notice and information and
256 may waive the requirement to send such application.

257 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic
258 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
259 the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding notifications of
260 change of address for voter registration. Such electronic system may
261 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
262 on file with said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system
263 shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-
264 31, as amended from time to time.

265 Sec. 6. Section 9-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the
266 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

267 (a) As used in this section, "voter registration agency" means (1)
268 public assistance offices, (2) all offices in the state that provide
269 state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to
270 persons with disabilities, (3) libraries that are open to the public, and (4)
271 such other appropriate offices as the Secretary of the State shall
272 designate in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of
273 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

274 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in
275 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter registration agency shall
276 (A) distribute mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist
277 applicants for [such] assistance or services provided by the agency in
278 completing voter registration application forms, except for applicants

279 who refuse [such] assistance in completing such forms, [(3)] (C) accept
280 completed voter registration application forms and provide each
281 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record
282 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date
283 stamp bearing the name of the agency, and [(4)] (D) immediately
284 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of
285 voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt
286 whether the application was submitted in person, [or] by mail or
287 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
288 subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five days
289 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
290 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
291 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
292 of acceptance. [The] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
293 subsection, the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed
294 mail voter registration application form, without indicating the identity
295 of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such
296 agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an
297 election if it is received by the registration agency by the last day for
298 registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily
299 engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities provides
300 services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency
301 shall provide such voter registration services at the person's home. The
302 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not
303 inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.
304 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made
305 under this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration
306 agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may
307 not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of
308 persons convicted of a felony.

309 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic
310 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
311 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application
312 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant

313 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived
314 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the
315 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or
316 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may
317 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
318 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic
319 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
320 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

321 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter
322 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or
323 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for
324 admission as an elector, the agency shall forthwith transmit an
325 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
326 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
327 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions
328 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
329 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

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

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

342 (C) In the case of an individual already admitted as an elector and
343 who is also enrolled in a party, if use of such electronic system results in
344 such elector being removed from the enrollment list of such party

345 because such elector did not affirmatively confirm an intent to continue
346 enrollment in such party, such removal shall be presumed unintentional
347 and such elector shall be restored to such list upon such elector's
348 notification of such removal to the registrar of voters of the town of
349 residence of such elector.

350 Sec. 7. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the
351 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

352 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended
353 by this act, shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of
354 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and (1) shall distribute
355 with each application for [service or] assistance or services provided by
356 the agency, and with each recertification, renewal or change of address
357 form relating to such [service or] assistance or services a mail voter
358 registration application form approved by the Secretary of the State, and
359 (2) during each application for such assistance or services and each
360 recertification, renewal or change of address relating to such assistance
361 or services, shall use an electronic system described in subdivision (2) of
362 subsection (b) of section 9-23n, as amended by this act, in accordance
363 with said subdivision to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of
364 said subsection regarding application for admission of an elector, unless
365 the applicant declines to register to vote pursuant to the provisions of
366 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended
367 from time to time. Such declination shall be in writing, except in the case
368 of an application for service or assistance provided by a library, or a
369 recertification, renewal or change of address form relating to such
370 library service or assistance. Such voter registration agency shall
371 provide each applicant to register to vote the same degree of assistance
372 with regard to the completion of the registration application form as is
373 provided by the agency with regard to the completion of its own forms,
374 unless the applicant refuses such assistance.

375 Sec. 8. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the
376 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

377 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail
378 voter registration application forms, and [(2)] assist applicants who
379 request assistance in completing such voter registration application
380 forms, and (2) use an electronic system described in subdivision (2) of
381 subsection (b) of section 9-23n, as amended by this act, in accordance
382 with said subdivision to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of
383 said subsection regarding application for admission of an elector, and
384 assist applicants who request assistance in so applying through such
385 electronic system.

386 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 9-232 of the general statutes is
387 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
388 *passage*):

389 (a) [Each registrar may appoint one or more challengers in his town
390 or district, one of whom may be present at the offering of any vote; and
391 any such challenger or any] Any elector may challenge the right of any
392 person offering to vote, on the ground of want of identity with the
393 person on whose name the vote is offered, or disfranchisement or lack
394 of bona fide residence, and the moderator shall decide upon the right of
395 the person so challenged to vote.

396 Sec. 10. Section 9-235d of the general statutes is repealed and the
397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

398 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of sections 9-233, 9-235 and 9-258,
399 as amended by this act, [to the contrary,] a United States citizen who is
400 sixteen or seventeen years of age and a bona fide resident of a town may
401 be [(1)] appointed as [a challenger or] (1) an unofficial checker in an
402 election, or (2) [appointed as] a checker, translator, ballot clerk or voting
403 tabulator tender in an election after (A) attending poll worker training,
404 and (B) receiving the written permission of a parent, guardian or the
405 principal of the school that the citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary
406 school student and the citizen is to be appointed to work on a day when
407 such school is in session.

408 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 9-436, as amended by
409 this act, or 9-436a, [to the contrary,] a United States citizen who is sixteen
410 or seventeen years of age and a bona fide resident of a town or political
411 subdivision holding a primary may be [(1)] appointed as [a challenger
412 or] (1) a candidate checker in the primary, or (2) [appointed as] a
413 checker, translator, ballot clerk or voting tabulator tender in a primary
414 after (A) attending poll worker training, and (B) receiving the written
415 permission of a parent, guardian or the principal of the school that the
416 citizen attends if the citizen is a secondary school student and the citizen
417 is to be appointed to work on a day when such school is in session.

418 Sec. 11. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-258 of the general statutes
419 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
420 *from passage*):

421 (a) For municipalities with more than one voting district, the election
422 officials of each polling place shall be electors of the state and shall
423 consist of (1) one moderator, (2) at least one but not more than two
424 official checkers, (3) two assistant registrars of voters of opposite
425 political parties, each of whom shall be residents of the town, (4) [not
426 more than two challengers if the registrars of voters have appointed
427 challengers pursuant to section 9-232, (5)] at least one but not more than
428 two ballot clerks, and [(6)] (5) at least one but not more than two voting
429 tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use at the polling place. A
430 known candidate for any office shall not serve as an election official on
431 election day or serve at the polls in any capacity, except that (A) a
432 municipal clerk or a registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same
433 office, may perform his or her official duties, and (B) a deputy registrar
434 of voters, who is a candidate for the office of registrar of voters, may
435 perform his or her official duties. If, in the opinion of the registrar of
436 voters, the public convenience of the electors in any voting district so
437 requires, provision shall be made for an additional line or lines of
438 electors at the polling place and, if more than one line of electors is
439 established, at least one but not more than two additional official
440 checkers and at least one but not more than two ballot clerks for each

441 line of electors shall be appointed and, if more than one tabulator is used
442 in a polling place, at least one but not more than two additional voting
443 tabulator tenders shall be appointed for each additional machine so
444 used. Head moderators, central counting moderators and absentee
445 ballot counters appointed pursuant to law shall also be deemed election
446 officials.

447 (b) For municipalities with one voting district, the election officials of
448 such polling place shall be electors of the state and shall consist of (1)
449 one moderator, (2) at least one but not more than two official checkers,
450 (3) [not more than two challengers if the registrars of voters have
451 appointed challengers pursuant to section 9-232, (4)] at least one but not
452 more than two voting tabulator tenders for each voting tabulator in use
453 at the polling place, and [(5)] (4) at least one but not more than two ballot
454 clerks. Additionally, such election officials may consist of two registrars
455 of voters of opposite political parties, or two assistant registrars of voters
456 of opposite political parties, as the case may be, subject to the
457 requirements of sections 9-259 and 9-439, provided if the registrars of
458 voters are present in the polling place, they shall appoint at least one
459 designee to be present in their office. A known candidate for any office
460 shall not serve as an election official on election day or serve at the polls
461 in any capacity, except that (A) a municipal clerk or a registrar of voters,
462 who is a candidate for the same office, may perform his or her official
463 duties, and (B) a deputy registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the
464 office of registrar of voters, may perform his or her official duties. If, in
465 the opinion of the registrar of voters, the public convenience of the
466 electors in any voting district so requires, provision shall be made for an
467 additional line or lines of electors at the polling place and, if more than
468 one line of electors is established, at least one but not more than two
469 additional official checkers for each line of electors shall be appointed
470 and, if more than one tabulator is used in a polling place, at least one
471 but not more than two additional voting tabulator tenders shall be
472 appointed for each additional tabulator so used. Head moderators,
473 central counting moderators and absentee ballot counters appointed
474 pursuant to law shall be deemed to be election officials.

475 Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 9-436 of the general statutes is
476 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
477 *passage*):

478 (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
479 members in the state, to serve in each polling place, the primary polling
480 place officials, who shall consist of (1) one moderator, (2) at least one []
481 but not more than two official checkers, [not more than two challengers
482 if the registrar deems it necessary, and] (3) at least one [and] but not
483 more than two ballot clerks, [and] (4) at least one but not more than two
484 voting tabulator tenders for each tabulator in use at such primary, and
485 [] (5) in towns with two or more voting districts, at least one [and] but
486 not more than two assistant registrars, provided [(1)] (A) in the case of
487 either a municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no
488 enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to serve
489 as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the
490 state and is a certified moderator to be moderator, [(2)] (B) in the case of
491 a political subdivision holding a primary, if an insufficient number of
492 enrolled party members who reside in the state consent to serve as
493 checkers, [challengers,] voting tabulator tenders or assistant registrars,
494 the registrar may appoint any elector who resides in the state to be a
495 checker, [challenger,] voting tabulator tender or assistant registrar, and
496 [(3)] (C) in the case of either a municipality or a political subdivision
497 holding more than one primary on the same day for different political
498 parties, one certified moderator may serve as moderator for both
499 primaries, if the registrars of voters so agree. If unaffiliated electors are
500 authorized under section 9-431 to vote for some but not all of the offices
501 to be contested at the primary, the registrar shall appoint two additional
502 checkers to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to
503 vote on the separate tabulators. If unaffiliated electors are authorized
504 under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties in the
505 same polling place, whether for some or for all offices to be contested at
506 the primary, each such registrar shall appoint two additional checkers
507 to check the list of unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in
508 either such primary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	9-45
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	9-46
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	9-46a
Sec. 4	from passage	9-19h
Sec. 5	from passage	9-19i
Sec. 6	January 1, 2022	9-23n
Sec. 7	January 1, 2022	9-23o
Sec. 8	January 1, 2022	9-23p
Sec. 9	from passage	9-232(a)
Sec. 10	from passage	9-235d
Sec. 11	from passage	9-258(a) and (b)
Sec. 12	from passage	9-436(c)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "conviction or violation or parole" was changed to "conviction or violation of parole" for accuracy; in Sections 4(b)(2)(B)(i) and 6(b)(2)(B)(i), "such person's residence" was changed to "the town of residence of such person" for accuracy and consistency; and in Sections 4(b)(2)(C) and 6(b)(2)(C), "in which such elector resides" was changed to "of residence of such elector" for consistency.

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