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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION IN POLLING
PLACES.**

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

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
7 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
8 wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality
9 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
10 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
11 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day
12 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
13 section.

14 (c) (1) [The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
15 completion and processing of] In each polling place, the location of
16 which is determined pursuant to section 9-169, the registrars of voters
17 shall complete and process election day registration applications on
18 election day. [, provided the] The registrars of voters shall have access
19 to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such
20 [location] polling place.

21 (2) [The] In addition to the election officials appointed pursuant to
22 section 9-258, the registrars of voters may appoint one or more election
23 officials to serve at such [location] polling place for the completion and
24 processing of election day registration applications and may delegate
25 to such election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the
26 registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise such
27 election officials and train such election officials to be election day
28 registration election officials.

29 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
30 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
31 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
32 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the [location
33 designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration]
34 polling place, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an
35 institution of higher education may submit a current photo
36 identification card issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the
37 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall
38 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
39 election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide
40 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
41 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
42 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
43 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
44 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the
45 applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is
46 not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student
47 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee

48 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
49 current address.

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

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

57 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
58 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
59 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
60 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
61 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
62 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
63 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
64 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall
65 notify the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector
66 from the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials
67 shall cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and
68 mark "off" next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

69 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
70 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
71 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
72 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
73 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
74 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
75 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
76 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
77 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
78 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
79 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall

80 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which
81 shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

86 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
87 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
88 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
89 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
90 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
91 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
92 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows
93 and signed by the voter:

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

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

97 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
98 indicated.

99 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
100 complete.

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

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

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

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

108 and received an election day registration ballot.

109 (Signature of voter)

110 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
111 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
112 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day
113 registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day
114 registration ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope
115 provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured election day
116 registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time designated by the
117 registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the registrars of
118 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the election day
119 registration ballots to the central location or polling place, pursuant to
120 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted
121 and such election day registration ballots shall be counted by the
122 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A
123 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of
124 election day registration ballots received from electors. The registrars
125 of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for election day registration
126 ballots in a depository envelope with the election day registration
127 ballots and store such election day registration depository envelope
128 with the other election results materials. The election day registration
129 depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for
130 the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

131 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
132 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
133 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody,
134 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
135 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

136 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars
137 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the
138 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on
139 election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section. Such

140 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the
141 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on
142 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the
143 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
144 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
145 deadline in section 9-35.

146 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
147 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
148 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
149 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
150 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
151 use as an entry to the registrars' of voters designated location for
152 election day registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or
153 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such
154 registrars' of voters designated location or in any room opening upon
155 any such corridor, passageway or approach.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the completion and processing of election day registration applications at polling places.

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