



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1046

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION IN POLLING PLACES AND EXTENDING THE HOURS OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 sections 9-168 to 9-169a, inclusive, the
17 registrars of voters shall complete and process election day registration

18 applications on election day. [, provided the] The registrars of voters
19 shall have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system
20 from such [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 not later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with
35 subsection (b) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, (2) an applicant
36 who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may
37 submit a current photo identification card issued by [said] such
38 institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3)
39 the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not
40 previously voted in the election. If the information that the applicant is
41 required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i),
42 inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
43 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
44 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
45 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
46 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
47 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
48 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration
49 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name
50 and current address.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

108 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
109 and received an election day registration ballot.

110 (Signature of voter)

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

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

137 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars
138 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the
139 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on
140 election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section. Such
141 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the
142 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on
143 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the

144 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
145 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
146 deadline in section 9-35.

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

157 Sec. 2. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
158 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

159 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
160 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, or at
161 any special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or
162 municipal office, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock
163 a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No elector shall be permitted to cast his
164 vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any
165 election unless such elector is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election
166 official or a police official of the municipality, who is designated by the
167 moderator, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m.
168 Such official shall not allow any electors who were not in such line at
169 eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

170 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
171 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, the
172 polls shall remain open for the completion and processing of election
173 day registration applications and voting from six o'clock a.m. until
174 eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day registration shall be
175 admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such applicant's vote after

176 the hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless
177 such applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a
178 police official of the municipality, who is designated by the moderator,
179 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official
180 shall not allow any applicants for election day registration who were
181 not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-174

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*