



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6325**

LCO No. 1622



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE,  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS.**

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

- 1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to (1) require the
- 2 Secretary of the State to, not later than October 1, 2021, submit to the
- 3 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 4 matters relating to elections a report on each election law modified by
- 5 executive order of the Governor or pursuant to the Secretary's authority
- 6 under section 9-3 of the general statutes for any election or primary held
- 7 in 2020 or 2021, (2) require any proposed declaratory ruling, instruction,
- 8 opinion or written order of the Secretary to be issued pursuant to said
- 9 section to be submitted to the standing legislative regulation review
- 10 committee for approval, (3) prohibit the unsolicited mailing of absentee
- 11 ballot applications by any state or municipal election official, (4) specify
- 12 that absentee ballots may only be counted on the day of an election, (5)

13 provide consistency across all municipalities as to pre-election day  
14 processing of absentee ballots, (6) allow the registrars of voters to  
15 contact electors for the purpose of curing unsigned absentee ballot  
16 envelopes, (7) establish a pilot program for verification of signatures on  
17 absentee ballot envelopes, (8) require, with any absentee ballot  
18 application, an accompanying statement of the penalties for any  
19 violation of election laws, including, but not limited to, a statement that  
20 only the intended recipient of such application may complete and return  
21 such application, (9) establish a task force to study the viability of using  
22 a single envelope, instead of two, for the return of an absentee ballot,  
23 (10) require the use of risk-limiting post-election audits, and (11) change  
24 the deadline for a minor party to file its rules with the Secretary from  
25 sixty days prior to the nomination of a candidate to one hundred eighty  
26 days prior to such nomination.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make several changes regarding the administration of elections.