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AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES IMPLEMENTED
FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.**

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 Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's
6 polling place during the hours of voting for any of the following reasons:
7 (1) Such elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the
8 United States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of
9 such elector's or person's voting residence during all of the hours of
10 voting; (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or person's
11 physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's religion
12 forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election or referendum;
13 (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's duties as a
14 primary, election or referendum official, including as a town clerk or

15 registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling place
16 other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours of
17 voting at such primary, election or referendum; or (7) for the state
18 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or
19 after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, the
20 sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the
21 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on
22 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof
23 recognized 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 Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, and any election, primary or referendum
48 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,
49 each inner envelope in which an absentee ballot is returned to the
50 municipal clerk shall have printed on its face a form containing the
51 following statements:

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

63 Date

64 (Signature)"

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

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

70 (b) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
71 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
72 July 1, 2021, the Secretary of the State may make any changes in any
73 forms prescribed by this chapter or in any printed, recorded or
74 electronic material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in the opinion
75 of the Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions
76 of law.

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

80 (g) (1) On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets the
81 municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant
82 whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When the
83 clerk receives an application during the time period in which absentee
84 voting sets are to be issued he shall mail an absentee voting set to the
85 applicant, within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant submits his
86 application in person at the office of the clerk and asks to be given his
87 absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk shall comply
88 with the request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to an applicant
89 shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address shown on the
90 application. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be subject to the
91 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c and section 9-
92 159q concerning persons designated to deliver or return ballots in cases
93 involving unforeseen illness or disability and supervised voting at
94 certain health care institutions.

95 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
96 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
97 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
98 July 1, 2021, each absentee voting set required to be mailed to an
99 applicant under said subdivision (A) shall be mailed by the municipal
100 clerk within forty-eight hours after the application for such absentee
101 voting set is received by the clerk, or (B) may be mailed by a third-party
102 mailing vendor approved and selected by the Secretary of the State for
103 use by the municipal clerk for such purpose, provided any contract
104 between the Secretary of the State and any such vendor shall require
105 that such vendor mail each absentee voting set within seventy-two
106 hours after the application for such absentee voting set is received by
107 such vendor from the clerk. Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the
108 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
109 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

110 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the
111 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
112 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
113 State, or (B) for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
114 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
115 July 1, 2021, deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal
116 clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by
117 the Secretary.

118 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of
119 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the twenty-ninth day
120 before the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
121 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
122 July 1, 2021, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls
123 at such election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall (A)
124 retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each
125 such ballot deposited in such drop box, and (B) if the drop box is located
126 outside a building other than the building where the clerk's office is
127 located, arrange for the clerk or the clerk's designee to be escorted by a
128 police officer during such retrieval.

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

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

143 act. The list shall be preserved as a public record as required by section
144 9-150b, as amended by this act.

145 (b) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
146 beginning not earlier than the seventh day before the election, primary
147 or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots
148 received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such
149 day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and
150 checked as provided in this subparagraph. On any such day, beginning
151 as soon as the ballots have been sorted, the registrars of voters, without
152 opening the outer envelopes, may check the names of the applicants
153 returning ballots on the official checklist to be used at the election,
154 primary or referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding each
155 such name and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-
156 431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, the designation of the
157 party in which the applicants are voting preceding each such name.
158 Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective polling
159 places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this
160 act, the registrars shall also place such indication on a duplicate checklist
161 to be retained by the municipal clerk until the municipal clerk delivers
162 such duplicate checklist to the registrars, in accordance with subsection
163 (e) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
164 subsection (i) of this section.

165 (B) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
166 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
167 July 1, 2021, beginning on the fourteenth day before [the] such election,
168 primary or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee
169 ballots received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m.
170 of such day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk
171 and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

172 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of
173 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a
174 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the
175 municipal clerk and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of

176 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

177 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the
178 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the
179 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word
180 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the
181 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

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

185 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, ballots
186 received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day before the
187 election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the municipal
188 clerk to the registrars between ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon
189 on the day of the election or primary and at twelve o'clock noon on the
190 day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the
191 respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as
192 amended by this act, the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the
193 registrars at this time the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection
194 (b) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to
195 subsection (i) of this section.

196 (2) (A) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
197 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
198 July 1, 2021:

199 (i) Ballots received, sorted and checked prior to five o'clock p.m. on
200 the (I) fourth day before [the] such election, primary or referendum may
201 be delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars at five o'clock p.m.
202 on such fourth day, (II) third day before [the] such election, primary or
203 referendum may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such third day,
204 and (III) second day before [the] such election, primary or referendum
205 may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such second day;

206 (ii) Ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day

207 before [the] such election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by
208 the municipal clerk to the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of [the]
209 such election, primary or referendum; and

210 (iii) Each time ballots are delivered pursuant to this subparagraph,
211 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at such time a copy
212 of the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section,
213 current as of the time of such delivery, for the use of the absentee ballot
214 counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

215 (B) The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at times later than
216 those provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (A)
217 of this subdivision, as applicable, provided any such time is mutually
218 agreed upon by the municipal clerk and registrars and is not later than
219 eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

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

224 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of such
225 last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six o'clock
226 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall, upon
227 request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the municipal
228 clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
229 referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by the
230 clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight o'clock
231 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

232 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
233 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six
234 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be
235 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. Although
236 absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at various
237 times throughout the election, primary or referendum day, absentee
238 ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

239 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee
240 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal
241 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election,
242 primary or referendum and at the close of the polls pursuant to
243 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names of the
244 applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same
245 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

246 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
247 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m.
248 on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be called in to
249 the appropriate polling places where they shall be checked by the
250 checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the
251 absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist required under
252 subsection (b) of this section.

253 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
254 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the
255 names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m. on
256 the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be checked by the
257 absentee ballot counters and checkers at such polling place on the
258 official checklist used at such polling place.

259 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
260 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the
261 polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official
262 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists, bearing
263 the certifications required by section 9-307, as amended by this act, shall
264 be delivered by the registrars or assistant registrars to the central
265 counting moderator for that purpose.

266 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
267 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the
268 official checklist used at such polling place shall remain in such polling
269 place for checking by the absentee ballot counters at such polling place.

270 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked on

271 the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot
272 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer
273 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of the reason for
274 rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot
275 counted.

276 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
277 when central counting is completed and the result is announced, the
278 central counting moderator shall deliver the duplicate checklist, the
279 official checklists and the returns required by section 9-150b, as
280 amended by this act, to the head moderator.

281 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place
282 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, and
283 such counting is completed and the result for such polling place is
284 announced, the moderator for such polling place shall deliver the
285 official checklist used at such polling place and the return required by
286 section 9-150b, as amended by this act, to the head moderator.

287 (j) Each time absentee ballots are delivered by the clerk to the
288 registrars pursuant to this section, the clerk and registrars shall execute
289 an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots
290 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for the period prescribed
291 in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

292 (k) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
293 absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in section
294 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

295 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
296 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
297 July 1, 2021, whenever absentee ballots are to be processed before the
298 day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, pursuant to
299 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, as amended by this
300 act, the absentee ballot counters shall process, in the manner provided
301 in section 9-150e, as amended by this act, each group of absentee ballots
302 upon receipt from the registrars.

303 (l) The municipal clerk shall retain all outer envelopes containing
304 absentee ballots received by him after the close of the polls, unopened,
305 for the period prescribed in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

306 Sec. 7. Section 9-147a of the general statutes is repealed and the
307 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

308 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, at any
309 election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots shall, within
310 existing resources, be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a
311 at a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to
312 the municipal clerk at least twenty days before the election, primary or
313 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for the
314 election, primary or referendum. Except as provided in subsection (b) of
315 this section, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to
316 vote in the primary of either of two parties, all absentee ballots shall be
317 separated, counted, tallied and placed in depository envelopes by
318 voting district. Any member of the public may observe the counting of
319 absentee ballots at such central location.

320 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may
321 be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a in the respective
322 polling places if the registrars of voters agree that such absentee ballots
323 should be so counted. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under
324 section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, absentee
325 ballots may be counted in the respective polling places if the parties
326 agree that such absentee ballots should be so counted. Any election
327 official serving in a polling place may observe the counting of absentee
328 ballots at such polling place.

329 (c) (1) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or
330 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to
331 July 1, 2021, absentee ballots may be processed before the day of [the]
332 such election, primary or referendum in the manner provided in section
333 9-150e, as amended by this act. Any such processing shall take place at
334 a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to the

335 municipal clerk at least ten days before [the] such election, primary or
336 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for [the]
337 such election, primary or referendum.

338 (2) If absentee ballots are to be processed pursuant to subdivision (1)
339 of this subsection, the registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall
340 jointly certify such fact in writing to the Secretary of the State at least ten
341 days before [the] such election, primary or referendum. Such written
342 certification shall (A) include the name, street address and relevant
343 contact information associated with the designated central location, and
344 (B) list the name and address of each absentee ballot counter appointed
345 pursuant to section 9-147c. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove
346 such written certification not later than two days after receipt of such
347 certification and may require the appointment of one or more additional
348 absentee ballot counters.

349 (3) In the case of absentee ballots delivered to the registrars on the
350 day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, nothing in this
351 subsection shall preclude the counting of such absentee ballots in the
352 respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

353 Sec. 8. Section 9-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the
354 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

355 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
356 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
357 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
358 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
359 given by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in such
360 town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of
361 this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to
362 holding such election. The clerk in each town shall, in the warning for
363 such election, give notice of the time and the location of the polling place
364 in the town, and in towns divided into voting districts, of the time and
365 the location of the polling place in each district, at which such election
366 will be held. The town clerk shall record each such warning.

367 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to
368 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after the effective date of this
369 section but prior to July 1, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this
370 section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days
371 previous to holding such election.

372 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule
373 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be
374 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all
375 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are met.

376 Sec. 9. Section 9-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the
377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

378 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
379 for which such election is to be held. [Notice] Except as provided in
380 subsection (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by
381 the town clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning in a
382 newspaper published in such town or having a general circulation
383 therein, such publication to be not more than fifteen, nor less than five
384 days previous to holding the election. The town clerk in each town shall,
385 in the warning for such election, give notice of the time and the location
386 of the polling place in the town and, in towns divided into voting
387 districts, of the time and the location of the polling place in each district.
388 The town clerk shall record each such warning. [Notice] Except as
389 provided in subsection (b) of this section, notice of an election of a city
390 or borough shall be given by publishing a warning in a newspaper
391 published within the limits of such city or borough, or having a general
392 circulation therein, not more than fifteen nor less than five days
393 previous to holding the election, which warning shall include notice of
394 the time and the location of the polling place in such city or borough
395 and, in cities and boroughs divided into voting districts, of the time and
396 the location of the polling place in each district.

397 (b) For any municipal election held on or after the effective date of
398 this section but prior to July 1, 2021, the notice under subsection (a) of

399 this section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days
400 previous to holding such election.

401 Sec. 10. Section 9-433 of the general statutes is repealed and the
402 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

403 (a) (1) After the deadline set forth in section 9-400 for filing
404 candidacies, and upon the completion of the tabulation of petition
405 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for nomination by a
406 political party to a state or district office have been filed in accordance
407 with the provisions of section 9-400, the Secretary of the State shall
408 notify the clerk of each town within the state or within the district, as
409 the case may be, that a primary is to be held by such party for the
410 nomination of such party to such office. Such notice shall include a list
411 of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed by the convention as well
412 as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles
413 of the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a statement
414 that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. [The] Except as
415 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the clerk of each such
416 town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a
417 newspaper having a general circulation in such town, or towns in the
418 case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of this section, together
419 with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the
420 hours during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls.

421 (2) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a state or
422 district office held on or after the effective date of this section but prior
423 to July 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the town under
424 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be so published not more than
425 seven nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

426 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule
427 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be
428 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all
429 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are met.

430 Sec. 11. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the

431 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

432 (a) Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any
433 municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for
434 nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election as
435 a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity with
436 the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-414, by
437 or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed candidates, the
438 registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for certification of party-
439 endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such municipality that a primary
440 is to be held by such party for the nomination of such party to such office
441 or for the election by such party of town committee members, as the case
442 may be. Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed candidates,
443 those endorsed as well as those filing candidacies, together with their
444 addresses and the titles of the offices or positions for which they are
445 candidates. In the case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice
446 shall also contain the complete ballot designation of each slate pursuant
447 to subsection (h) of section 9-437. [The] Except as provided in subsection
448 (b) of this section, the clerk of the municipality shall thereupon cause
449 such notice to be published forthwith in a newspaper having a general
450 circulation in such municipality, together with a statement of the date
451 upon which the primary is to be held, the hours during which the polls
452 shall be open and the location of the polls. The clerk of the municipality
453 shall also file such notice with the Secretary of the State not later than
454 three business days after receipt of such notice from the registrar of
455 voters. The clerk shall forthwith publish any change in the proposed
456 candidates, listing such changes.

457 **(b) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a municipal**
458 **office, or for the election by a political party of town committee**
459 **members, held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to**
460 **July 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the municipality under**
461 **subsection (a) of this section shall be so published not more than seven**
462 **nor less than four days previous to holding such election.**

463 Sec. 12. Section 9-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the

464 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

465 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-150a, for the state
466 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or
467 after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, in any
468 municipality in which absentee ballots are processed pursuant to
469 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, as amended by this
470 act:

471 (a) (1) Not earlier than five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the]
472 such election, primary or referendum, the absentee ballot counters shall
473 proceed to the central counting location at the times designated by the
474 registrars of voters;

475 (2) At the time each group of ballots is delivered pursuant to
476 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this
477 act, the counters shall proceed as hereinafter provided;

478 (3) Except with respect to ballots marked "Rejected" pursuant to
479 section 9-140c, as amended by this act, or other applicable law, the
480 counters shall then remove the inner envelopes from the outer
481 envelopes, shall note the total number of absentee ballots received and
482 shall report such total to the moderator. The counters shall similarly
483 note and separately so report the total numbers of presidential ballots
484 and overseas ballots received pursuant to sections 9-158a to 9-158m,
485 inclusive;

486 (4) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
487 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
488 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced
489 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the
490 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters; and

491 (5) Not earlier than the day of [the] such election, primary or
492 referendum, and after the duties under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,
493 of this subsection have been performed, absentee ballots shall be
494 counted in the manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of

495 section 9-150a.

496 (b) In accordance with instructions which shall be prescribed by the
497 Secretary of the State not later than ten days before [the] such election,
498 primary or referendum, each group of ballots delivered pursuant to
499 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this
500 act, shall be kept secure (1) throughout the performance of the duties
501 under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section,
502 and (2) after such performance until such time on the day of [the] such
503 election, primary or referendum that absentee ballots are counted in the
504 manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-150a.
505 The requirements of this subsection shall be in addition to all other
506 applicable requirements under this title regarding the security of
507 absentee ballots and any related materials.

508 Sec. 13. Section 9-159r of the general statutes is repealed and the
509 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

510 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the
511 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state
512 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted under
513 the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of the town
514 in which the institution is located, in accordance with the provisions of
515 this section. As used in this section, "institution" has the same meaning
516 as provided in section 9-159q.

517 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be
518 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.
519 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140, as amended by this
520 act, shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting
521 set for any such application to the clerk of the town in which the
522 institution is located, who shall deliver all such voting sets he receives
523 to the registrars of such town, on the date when the supervision of
524 absentee balloting is to occur. The ballots and envelopes shall be
525 prepared for delivery to the applicant as provided in sections 9-137 to 9-
526 140a, inclusive, as amended by this act. The registrars or their designees

527 shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots. The
528 registrars of the town in which an institution is located and the
529 administrator of the institution shall mutually agree on a date and time
530 for such supervision of absentee balloting, which shall be not later than
531 the last business day before the election or primary.

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

535 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,
536 of this section, for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary
537 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,
538 the Secretary of the State may waive any requirement under said
539 subsections, provided the Secretary (1) waives such requirement in
540 recognition of the public health and civil preparedness emergency
541 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, and has consulted with the
542 Commissioner of Public Health or said commissioner's designee
543 regarding such waiver, (2) has given written notice to the town clerk and
544 registrars of voters in each municipality, and (3) has submitted a report,
545 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
546 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
547 advising of such waiver and specifying alternative actions to be taken to
548 provide opportunities for absentee voting by electors described in this
549 section.

550 Sec. 14. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the
551 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

552 (a) Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal
553 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed
554 before ten o'clock a.m. on election, primary or referendum day to the
555 municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's ballot be
556 withdrawn. The municipal clerk shall remove the ballot from the sealed
557 package and shall mark the serially-numbered outer envelope, which
558 shall remain unopened, "rejected" and note the reasons for rejection. The

559 elector shall also endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot shall then be
560 returned to the sealed package until delivered on election, primary or
561 referendum day to the registrars of voters in accordance with section 9-
562 140c, as amended by this act. The municipal clerk shall then give the
563 elector a signed statement directed to the moderator of the voting
564 district in which the elector resides stating that the elector has
565 withdrawn such elector's absentee ballot and may vote in person. Upon
566 delivery of the statement by the elector to the moderator, the moderator
567 shall cause the absentee indication next to the name of the elector to be
568 stricken from the official checklist and the elector may then have such
569 elector's name checked and vote in person. Unless absentee ballots are
570 to be counted in the respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b)
571 of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the municipal clerk shall also
572 cause the absentee indication next to the name of the elector to be
573 stricken from the duplicate checklist to be used by the absentee ballot
574 counters.

575 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
576 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum
577 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,
578 any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal clerk
579 and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed before
580 five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the] such election, primary or
581 referendum to the municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's
582 ballot be withdrawn.

583 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 9-150b of the general statutes is
584 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
585 *passage*):

586 (g) (1) No such depository envelope shall be opened except by order
587 of a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections Enforcement
588 Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of
589 subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five business days after an
590 election, primary or referendum for the purpose of a recanvass
591 conducted pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the depository

592 envelopes and their contents shall be returned to the municipal clerk
593 and preserved for the stated period.

594 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
595 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after
596 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, no such
597 depository envelope shall be opened for the purpose of a recanvass
598 conducted pursuant to law except within seven business days after [the]
599 such election as provided in section 9-311, as amended by this act.

600 Sec. 16. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the
601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

602 (a) Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checker or
603 checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make
604 and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of
605 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,
606 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
607 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or
608 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on
609 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or
610 overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be
611 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant
612 registrars, as the case may be, shall write and sign with ink, on the list
613 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of names
614 registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary and the
615 number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and
616 deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
617 hours after the close of the polls. If an electronic version of the registry
618 list is used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored shall be
619 returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the electronic
620 registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by each
621 registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal clerk
622 not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. The municipal
623 clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or printed electronic
624 registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on it without

625 alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified
626 copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of
627 section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting checklist four
628 years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place
629 the certificate which the moderator received from the official checker or
630 checkers in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight
631 hours after the close of the polls.

632 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
633 for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary held on or after
634 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, any certificate
635 or list required under said subsection to be deposited or placed in the
636 office of the municipal clerk shall be so deposited or placed not later
637 than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election or
638 primary.

639 Sec. 17. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the
640 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

641 (a) Upon the close of the polls, the moderator, in the presence of the
642 other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator
643 against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all candidates
644 and questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the
645 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot, read and announce in
646 distinct tones the result as shown, giving the number indicated and
647 indicating the candidate to whom such total belongs, and shall read the
648 votes recorded for each office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in
649 the same manner, announce the vote on each constitutional amendment,
650 proposition or other question voted on. The vote so announced by the
651 moderator shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the
652 tally sheets. Each checker shall record the number of votes received for
653 each candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each
654 person for whom write-in ballots were cast. The moderator shall make
655 a preliminary list from the vote totals produced by the tabulators and
656 shall prepare such preliminary list for transmission to the Secretary of
657 the State pursuant to section 9-314, as amended by this act. After such

658 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the
659 canvass may be temporarily interrupted, during which time the
660 moderator shall (1) return the keys for all tabulators to the registrars of
661 voters, (2) seal the tabulators against voting or being tampered with, (3)
662 prepare and seal individual envelopes for all (A) write-in ballots, (B)
663 absentee ballots, (C) moderators' returns, and (D) other notes,
664 worksheets or written materials used at the election, and (4) store all
665 such tabulators and envelopes in a secure place or places directed by the
666 registrars of voters. At the end of such temporary interruption, the
667 moderator shall receive such keys from the registrars and shall take
668 possession of and break the seal on all such tabulators and envelopes for
669 the purpose of completing the canvass. The result totals shall remain in
670 full public view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have
671 been fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and
672 registrars, or assistant registrars, as the case may be. Any other
673 remaining result of the votes cast shall be publicly announced by the
674 moderator not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls.
675 Such public announcement shall consist of reading both the name of
676 each candidate, with the designating number and letter on the ballot and
677 the absentee vote as furnished to the moderator by the absentee ballot
678 counters, and also the vote cast for and against each question submitted.
679 While such announcement is being made, ample opportunity shall be
680 given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so
681 announced with the result totals provided by the tabulator and any
682 necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the moderator,
683 checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after which the
684 compartments of the voting tabulator shall be closed and locked. In
685 canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the election officials
686 shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the Secretary of the
687 State.

688 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
689 for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after the
690 effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, after the
691 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, any

692 other remaining result of the votes cast required under said subsection
693 to be publicly announced by the moderator shall be so announced not
694 later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election.

695 Sec. 18. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the
696 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

697 (a) (1) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the
698 moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting
699 district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by
700 written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of
701 at least two checkers of different political parties and at least two
702 absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at such
703 election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
704 election was held and such other officials as may be required to conduct
705 such recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars
706 of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository
707 envelopes required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots
708 provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of
709 absentee ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns
710 and shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not
711 later than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the
712 returns of a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or
713 write-in ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such
714 recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the
715 registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass
716 official unable to attend shall designate another elector having previous
717 training and experience in the conduct of elections to take his place.
718 Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in
719 writing, to the chairman of the town committee of each political party
720 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state
721 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made
722 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the
723 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such
724 chairman may send representatives to be present at such recanvass.
725 Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass

726 official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the
727 recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be
728 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating
729 to the election.

730 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
731 subsection, for the state election in 2020 and any election held on or after
732 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (A) if, within
733 five days after [the] such election, it appears to the moderator that there
734 is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such moderator
735 shall forthwith within said period summon, by written notice delivered
736 personally, the recanvass officials to conduct such recanvass in
737 accordance with the provisions of said subdivision, and (B) such written
738 notice shall require such recanvass officials to meet not later than the
739 seventh business day after [the] such election for such purpose.

740 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
741 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
742 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
743 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such
744 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,
745 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such
746 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open
747 to public observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of
748 such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of the number
749 on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided,
750 on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of
751 voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each
752 such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials,
753 in the presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall
754 immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then
755 open the package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast
756 thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the
757 recanvass officials shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots
758 against the inner envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list
759 to verify postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to

760 determine whether the number of envelopes from which absentee
761 ballots have been removed is the same as the number of persons checked
762 as having voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be
763 recanvassed at this time. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same
764 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the
765 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

766 (c) (1) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner
767 prescribed in section 9-309, as amended by this act, on return forms
768 provided by the registrars of voters and appended thereto shall be a
769 statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the
770 recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party affiliations of the
771 recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly
772 secured sealed package. Upon the completion of such recanvass, any
773 tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys
774 thereof shall immediately be returned to such registrars of voters and
775 such tabulator shall remain so locked until the expiration of fourteen
776 days after such election or for such longer period as is ordered by a court
777 of competent jurisdiction. The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their
778 wrappers and be resealed by the moderator in the presence of the
779 recanvass officials. Upon the completion of such recanvass, such
780 moderator and at least two of the recanvass officials of different political
781 parties shall forthwith prepare and sign such return forms which shall
782 contain a written statement giving the result of such recanvass for each
783 tabulator and each package of absentee ballots whose returns were so
784 recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original canvass was
785 correctly made and stating whether or not the discrepancy still remains
786 unaccounted for. Such return forms containing such statement shall
787 forthwith be filed by the moderator in the office of such clerk. If such
788 recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not correctly
789 made, such return forms containing such statement so filed with the
790 clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state election, a
791 recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and
792 provided by the Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one
793 copy with the Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk

794 not later than ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be
795 substituted for the original return and shall have the same force and
796 effect as an original return.

797 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
798 subsection, for the state election in 2020 and any election held on or after
799 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, each copy of
800 the recanvass return required under said subdivision to be filed by the
801 moderator with the Secretary of the State and the town clerk shall be so
802 filed not later than twelve days after [the] such election.

803 (d) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of
804 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the
805 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,
806 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a
807 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different
808 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in
809 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the
810 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was
811 moderator.

812 Sec. 19. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
813 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

814 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
815 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the
816 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
817 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of
818 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
819 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
820 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
821 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
822 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,
823 as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in the moderator's
824 town and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the
825 Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the

826 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the
827 moderator shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the
828 moderator's town for each of the following officers: Presidential
829 electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
830 Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, United States senator,
831 representative in Congress, state senator, judge of probate, state
832 representative and registrars of voters when said officers are to be
833 chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total number of names on
834 the official check list of such town and the total number of names
835 checked as having voted. The moderator shall transmit such duplicate
836 list to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as prescribed by the
837 Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours after the close of
838 the polls on election day. The moderator shall also seal and deliver one
839 of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State not later than the third
840 day after the election. Any such moderator who fails to so transmit or
841 deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by the time
842 required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The moderator shall
843 also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of such town. The
844 Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in tabular form in books
845 kept by the Secretary for that purpose and present a printed report of
846 the same, with the name of, and the total number of votes received by,
847 each of the candidates for said offices, to the General Assembly at its
848 next session.

849 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
850 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,
851 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
852 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each
853 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely
854 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in
855 the moderator's town and shall immediately transmit such preliminary
856 list to the Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day.
857 Once the preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the
858 State, the moderator shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the
859 moderator's town for each municipal office elected at such municipal

860 election. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total number of names on
861 the official check list of such town and the total number of names
862 checked as having voted and shall be on a form prescribed by the
863 Secretary of the State. The moderator shall transmit such duplicate list
864 to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as prescribed by the
865 Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours after the close of
866 the polls on election day. The moderator shall also seal and deliver one
867 of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State not later than the third
868 day after the election. Any such moderator who fails to so transmit or
869 deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by the time
870 required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The moderator shall
871 also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of such town.

872 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
873 section, for the state election in 2020 and any election held on or after
874 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (1) the duplicate
875 list required under said subsections to be transmitted by electronic
876 means to the Secretary by such moderator shall be so transmitted not
877 later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls on such election
878 day, and (2) the duplicate list required under said subsections to be
879 sealed and delivered to the Secretary shall be so delivered not later than
880 the fifth day after [the] such election.

881 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is
882 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
883 *passage*):

884 (a) (1) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular
885 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast
886 at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the
887 third day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars
888 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall
889 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.
890 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator
891 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the
892 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

893 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
 894 subsection, for the state election in 2020 and any election held on or after
 895 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (A) the results
 896 of the votes cast at [the] such election required under said subdivision
 897 to be provided to the town clerk by the registrars of voters shall be so
 898 provided not later than ninety-six hours following [the] such election,
 899 (B) the meeting to identify any error in the returns required under said
 900 subdivision among the head moderator, registrars of voters and town
 901 clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall occur not later
 902 than nine o'clock a.m. on the fifth day following [the] such election, and
 903 (C) any identified error required under said subdivision to be corrected,
 904 and any amended return required under said subdivision to be filed
 905 with the Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of
 906 voters, by the head moderator shall be so corrected or filed, as
 907 applicable, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the fifth day following [the]
 908 such 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>	9-147a
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-225
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-226
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-433
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-435
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-150e
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-159r
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-150b(g)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-307
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-311

Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend to June 30, 2021, changes implemented for the 2020 state election as a result of COVID-19.

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