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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has  
6 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street  
7 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or checkers  
8 in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials  
9 present to hear the same. Each elector who registered to vote by mail for  
10 the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the  
11 elector's name on the official registry list, as required by section 9-23r,  
12 as amended by this act, shall present to the official checker or checkers,  
13 before the elector votes, either a current and valid photo identification  
14 that shows the elector's name and address or a copy of a current utility

15 bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government  
16 document that shows the name and address of the elector. Each other  
17 elector shall (1) present to the official checker or checkers the elector's  
18 Social Security card or any other preprinted form of identification which  
19 shows the elector's name and either the elector's address, signature or  
20 photograph, or (2) on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,  
21 write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the  
22 elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement that  
23 the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official checklist.  
24 Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate  
25 form shall be used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted  
26 form of identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
27 official checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the  
28 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector  
29 completes the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar  
30 of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall  
31 examine the information on such form and either instruct the official  
32 checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the official  
33 checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that  
34 the form is incomplete or inaccurate. Such registrar or assistant registrar  
35 shall maintain a log of (A) each elector who completes the form under  
36 subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) each such elector for whom  
37 such form is incomplete or inaccurate.

38 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is  
39 unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary incapacity,  
40 the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or her. The  
41 registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may  
42 be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such elector.  
43 The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the provisions  
44 of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence  
45 of the election officials in such manner that the election officials shall not  
46 know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall place the ballot in the  
47 privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark the elector's name on the  
48 official voter list, manually on paper or electronically, as having voted

49 in person and deliver such ballot and privacy sleeve to the voting  
50 tabulator where such ballot shall be placed into the tabulator, by the  
51 election official, for counting. The moderator shall record such activity  
52 in the moderator's diary.

53 (c) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding  
54 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote, pursuant  
55 to section 9-431, an unaffiliated elector shall also announce to the  
56 separate table of the official checker or checkers for unaffiliated electors  
57 the party in whose primary the elector chooses to vote and the official  
58 checker or checkers shall note such party when checking such elector's  
59 name on the checklist of unaffiliated electors, manually on paper or  
60 electronically, provided such choice shall not alter the elector's  
61 unaffiliated status.

62 (d) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding  
63 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote or in  
64 which one party is holding a primary in which unaffiliated electors are  
65 authorized to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the  
66 primary, the official checker or checkers shall give to each elector  
67 checked manually on paper or electronically, a receipt provided by the  
68 registrars of voters, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,  
69 specifying either (1) the party with which the elector is enrolled, if any,  
70 or (2) in the case of an unaffiliated elector, the party in whose primary  
71 the elector has so chosen to vote, and whether the elector is authorized  
72 to vote for only a partial ballot.

73 (e) If not challenged by anyone lawfully present in the polling place,  
74 the elector shall be permitted to pass to the separated area to receive the  
75 ballot. The elector shall give any receipt the elector has received to a  
76 ballot clerk who shall give the elector a ballot to vote only in the primary  
77 of the party specified by the receipt. The elector shall be permitted into  
78 the voting booth area, and shall then register his or her vote in secret.  
79 Having voted, the elector shall immediately exit the voting booth area  
80 and deposit the ballot in the voting tabulator and leave the room. No  
81 elector shall remain within the voting booth longer than the time

82 necessary to complete the ballot, and, if the elector refuses to leave such  
83 booth after completing the ballot, the elector shall at once be removed  
84 by the election officials upon order of the moderator. Not more than one  
85 elector at a time shall be permitted to be within the enclosed space which  
86 the elector occupies while the elector completes his or her ballot,  
87 provided an elector may be accompanied within such enclosed space by  
88 one or more children who are fifteen years of age or younger and  
89 supervised by the elector, if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of  
90 such children. If any elector, after entering the voting booth area, asks  
91 for further instruction concerning the manner of voting, the election  
92 officials shall give such instructions or directions to the elector; but no  
93 election official instructing or assisting an elector, except as provided in  
94 section 9-264, shall look at the ballot in such a way as to see the elector's  
95 markings or in any manner seek to influence any such elector in the  
96 casting of the elector's vote.

97 (f) Not later than ninety days after each primary, election or  
98 referendum, the registrars of voters of each town shall (1) compile a  
99 report of (A) the number of electors who completed the form under  
100 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, and (B) the number of  
101 such electors for whom such form was incomplete or inaccurate, and (2)  
102 submit such report to the Secretary of the State.

103 Sec. 502. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the  
104 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
105 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

106 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
107 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to  
108 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through  
109 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the  
110 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,  
111 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents  
112 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original  
113 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the  
114 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the

115 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check  
 116 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise  
 117 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling  
 118 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to [subparagraph (A)  
 119 of subdivision (2)] subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as  
 120 amended by this act.

121 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23r of the general statutes is  
 122 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 123 *passage*):

124 (b) If an individual submits such information pursuant to this section  
 125 as part of the individual's voter registration application and, with  
 126 respect to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the  
 127 registrars of voters are able to match the information submitted with an  
 128 existing Connecticut identification record bearing the same number,  
 129 name and date of birth as provided, such individual shall not be  
 130 required to produce identification when voting in person or by absentee  
 131 ballot and may sign a statement as described in [subparagraph (B) of]  
 132 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this act,  
 133 in lieu of presenting identification when voting in person."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-261
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-23g(d)(4)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23r(b)