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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

8 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)  
9 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who  
10 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality  
11 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
12 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)

13 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day  
14 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this  
15 section.

16 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the  
17 completion and processing of election day registration applications on  
18 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to  
19 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,  
20 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the  
21 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written  
22 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall (i) include  
23 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated  
24 with such location, (ii) list the name and address of each election official  
25 appointed to serve at such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description  
26 of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and  
27 processing of such applications. The Secretary shall approve or  
28 disapprove such written certification not later than fifteen days before  
29 election day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or  
30 more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

31 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not  
32 later than sixty days before election day, in a form and manner  
33 prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the  
34 completion and processing of election day registration applications on  
35 election day. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such  
36 application not later than forty-five days before election day. If the  
37 Secretary approves such application, the registrars of voters may so  
38 designate any such additional location. The provisions of subdivision  
39 (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional location.

40 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official  
41 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of  
42 the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of  
43 voters shall supervise each such election official and train each such  
44 election official to be an election day registration election official.  
45 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit any unofficial

46 checker or challenger from being present at such location.

47 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the  
48 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make  
49 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided  
50 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than  
51 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at  
52 the location designated by the registrars of voters for election day  
53 registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution  
54 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card  
55 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section  
56 9-20, [and] (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant  
57 has not previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be  
58 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the  
59 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)  
60 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's  
61 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that  
62 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not  
63 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill  
64 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due  
65 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of  
66 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or  
67 fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and  
68 current address.

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

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

76 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
77 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she

78 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,  
79 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters  
80 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall  
81 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality  
82 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is  
83 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify  
84 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from  
85 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall  
86 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"  
87 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

88 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
89 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
90 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
91 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
92 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters  
93 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any  
94 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the  
95 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such  
96 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality  
97 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such  
98 review, if a resolution of the matter [~~can not~~] cannot be made, such  
99 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission  
100 which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

101 (B) [~~If there is no such~~] Unless there is a report that such applicant has  
102 not already voted in the other municipality, such applicant shall not  
103 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters  
104 of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register. [~~shall admit~~  
105 the applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach  
106 immediately] For any such applicant, the election day registration  
107 process shall cease in the municipality in which such applicant now  
108 seeks to register until such time as such report is made.

109 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters  
110 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and

111 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such  
112 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the  
113 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall  
114 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the  
115 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and  
116 signed by the voter:

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

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

120       2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town  
121 indicated.

122       3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
123 complete.

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

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

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

130       7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot  
131 and received an election day registration ballot.

132       .... (Signature of voter)

133       (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration  
134 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that  
135 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration  
136 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration  
137 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and  
138 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot

139 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters  
140 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport  
141 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the  
142 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-  
143 147a, where absentee ballots are counted and such election day  
144 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at  
145 such central location or polling place. A section of the head moderator's  
146 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots  
147 received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the  
148 vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository envelope  
149 with the election day registration ballots and store such election day  
150 registration depository envelope with the other election results  
151 materials. The election day registration depository envelope shall be  
152 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to  
153 preserve counted ballots for elections.

154 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning  
155 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee  
156 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and  
157 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),  
158 inclusive, of this section.

159 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the  
160 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation  
161 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an  
162 elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this  
163 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with  
164 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the  
165 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned  
166 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in  
167 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the  
168 May first deadline in section 9-35.

169 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of  
170 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons  
171 applying for election day registration as described in subsection (d) of

172 this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to register in  
173 accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e)  
174 of this section, (III) the number of registration confirmation notices sent  
175 to admitted applicants, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
176 that were returned undelivered, and (IV) the number of such admitted  
177 applicants that were subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as  
178 a result of such notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with  
179 subdivision (1) of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such  
180 report to the Secretary of the State.

181 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the  
182 Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the  
183 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into a single  
184 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing committee  
185 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
186 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State Elections  
187 Enforcement Commission.

188 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of  
189 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot  
190 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant  
191 was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision  
192 (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information  
193 resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement  
194 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

195 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy  
196 of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition to any  
197 question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any  
198 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius  
199 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any  
200 location designated by the registrars of voters for election day  
201 registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach  
202 leading from any such outside entrance to any such location or in any  
203 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

204     (k) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which  
205     registrars of voters and other elections officials serving at designated  
206     election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying  
207     to register on election day under this section, which persons are  
208     registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such other  
209     state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars or  
210     election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot until  
211     such process has been developed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
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