



General Assembly

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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. Subsection (b) of section 19a-131a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2021*):

6 (b) (1) Any declaration issued pursuant to this section shall become
7 effective upon its filing with the Secretary of the State and with the
8 clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate. The declaration shall
9 state the nature of the public health emergency, the political
10 subdivisions or geographic area subject to the declaration, the
11 conditions that have brought about the public health emergency, the
12 duration of the public health emergency and the public health authority
13 responding to the emergency. Any such declaration issued by the

14 Governor may be disapproved and nullified by majority vote of a
15 committee consisting of (A) one member of the legislative caucus of the
16 president pro tempore of the Senate, designated by the president pro
17 tempore, (B) one member of the legislative caucus of the speaker of the
18 House of Representatives, designated by the speaker, [the majority and
19 minority leaders of both houses of the General Assembly and the
20 cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
21 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
22 health] (C) one member of the legislative caucus of the minority leader
23 of the Senate, designated by said minority leader, and (D) one member
24 of the legislative caucus of the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, designated by said minority leader. Such disapproval
26 shall not be effective unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later
27 than seventy-two hours after the filing of the Governor's declaration
28 with the Secretary of the State.

29 (2) Any declaration issued pursuant to this section may be renewed
30 by the Governor upon its filing with the Secretary of the State and with
31 the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate. The renewal
32 declaration shall state the nature of the continuing public health
33 emergency, the political subdivisions or geographic area subject to the
34 renewal, the conditions that have brought about the renewal
35 declaration, the duration of the renewal declaration and the public
36 health authority responding to the public health emergency. Any such
37 renewal declaration issued by the Governor may be disapproved and
38 nullified by majority vote of a committee consisting of the legislative
39 [leaders] members specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection. [(b) of
40 this section.] Such disapproval shall not be effective unless filed with the
41 Secretary of the State not later than seventy-two hours after the filing of
42 the Governor's renewal declaration with the Secretary of the State.

43 (3) The Governor shall declare a public health emergency to be
44 terminated before the duration stated in the declaration, upon a finding,
45 after informing the [legislative leaders specified in subdivision (1) of this
46 subsection (b) of this section] president pro tempore of the Senate, the
47 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority

48 leaders of both houses of the General Assembly and the cochairpersons
49 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General
50 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, that
51 the circumstances that caused such emergency to be declared no longer
52 pose a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities or
53 incidents of permanent or long-term disability.

54 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 28-9 of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
56 *2021*):

57 (a) In the event of serious disaster, enemy attack, sabotage or other
58 hostile action or in the event of the imminence thereof, the Governor
59 may proclaim that a state of civil preparedness emergency exists, in
60 which event the Governor may personally take direct operational
61 control of any or all parts of the civil preparedness forces and functions
62 in the state. Any such proclamation shall be effective upon filing with
63 the Secretary of the State. Any such proclamation, or order issued
64 pursuant thereto, issued by the Governor because of a disaster resulting
65 from man-made cause may be disapproved by majority vote of a joint
66 legislative committee consisting of (1) one member of the legislative
67 caucus of the president pro tempore of the Senate, designated by the
68 president pro tempore, (2) one member of the legislative caucus of the
69 speaker of the House of Representatives, designated by the speaker,
70 [and the majority and minority leaders of both houses of the General
71 Assembly] (3) one member of the legislative caucus of the minority
72 leader of the Senate, designated by said minority leader, and (4) one
73 member of the legislative caucus of the minority leader of the House of
74 Representatives, designated by said minority leader, provided at least
75 one of the [minority leaders] members described in subdivisions (3) and
76 (4) of this subsection votes for such disapproval. Such disapproval shall
77 not be effective unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later than
78 seventy-two hours after the filing of the Governor's proclamation with
79 the Secretary of the State. As soon as possible after such proclamation,
80 if the General Assembly is not then in session, the Governor shall meet
81 with the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House

82 of Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders of both
83 houses of the General Assembly and shall confer with them on the
84 advisability of calling a special session of the General Assembly."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-131a(b)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	28-9(a)