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**"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-1h of the general statutes  
4 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *from passage*):

6 (a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle operator's  
7 license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for an identity  
8 card. The application for an identity card shall be accompanied by the  
9 birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of identification of the  
10 applicant issued and authorized for such use by the Department of  
11 Correction and, except as provided in this subsection, a fee of twenty-  
12 eight dollars. Such application shall include: (1) The applicant's name;  
13 (2) the applicant's address; (3) whether the address is permanent or  
14 temporary; (4) the applicant's date of birth; (5) notice to the applicant  
15 that false statements on such application are punishable under section

16 53a-157b; and (6) such other pertinent information as the Commissioner  
17 of Motor Vehicles deems necessary. The applicant shall sign the  
18 application in the presence of an official of the Department of Motor  
19 Vehicles. The commissioner shall waive the fee for any applicant who  
20 does not have the means to pay such fee, including any applicant who  
21 is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons.  
22 The commissioner may waive the fee for any applicant (A) who has  
23 voluntarily surrendered such applicant's motor vehicle operator's  
24 license, (B) whose license has been refused by the commissioner  
25 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36, or (C) who  
26 is both a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and  
27 blind, as defined in subsection (a) of section 1-1f. [, or (D) who is a  
28 resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons.  
29 The] Not later than September 1, 2021, the commissioner shall adopt  
30 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish  
31 the procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to  
32 any such [homeless] applicant who does not have the means to pay the  
33 fee for such identity card.

34 (b) (1) An identity card shall indicate its date of expiration, contain a  
35 picture of the applicant and specify the applicant's height, sex and eye  
36 color.

37 (2) (A) An original identity card shall expire within a period not  
38 exceeding seven years following the date of the applicant's next  
39 birthday. Any person who holds an identity card may be notified by the  
40 commissioner before its expiration and may renew such card in such  
41 manner as the commissioner shall prescribe. Upon renewal of an  
42 identity card, the commissioner may issue an identity card for a period  
43 to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not  
44 exceed eight years. [The] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
45 subdivision, (i) the fee for the renewal of an identity card that expires  
46 eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars, [ The]  
47 and (ii) the commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for  
48 an identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of  
49 issuance. The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the

50 holder of an identity card if the United States Postal Service has  
51 determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for  
52 such person that is in the records of the department.

53 (B) The commissioner shall waive the fee for the renewal of an  
54 identify card, or any prorated amount of such fee, for any person who  
55 does not have the means to pay such fee or prorated amount.

56 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
58 *passage*):

59 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has  
60 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street  
61 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or checkers  
62 in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials  
63 present to hear the same. Each elector [who registered to vote by mail  
64 for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the  
65 elector's name on the official registry list, as required by section 9-23r,]  
66 shall present to the official checker or checkers, before the elector votes,  
67 either (1) a current and valid photo identification that shows the elector's  
68 name and address, [or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
69 government check, paycheck or other government document that shows  
70 the name and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present  
71 to the official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card] or (2)  
72 any other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's  
73 name, address and [either the elector's address, signature or]  
74 photograph, [, or (2) on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,  
75 write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the  
76 elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement that  
77 the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official checklist.  
78 Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate  
79 form shall be used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted  
80 form of identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
81 official checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the  
82 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector

83 completes the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar  
84 of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall  
85 examine the information on such form and either instruct the official  
86 checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the official  
87 checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that  
88 the form is incomplete or inaccurate.]

89 Sec. 503. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the  
90 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
91 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

92 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
93 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to  
94 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through  
95 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the  
96 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,  
97 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents  
98 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original  
99 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the  
100 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the  
101 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check  
102 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise  
103 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling  
104 place either a current and valid photo identification or a preprinted form  
105 of identification which shows the person's name, address and  
106 photograph. [pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of  
107 subsection (a) of section 9-261.]

108 Sec. 504. Section 9-23r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

110 (a) On or after January 1, 2003, any person who is applying, by mail,  
111 to register to vote for the first time in this state may submit as part of  
112 such voter registration application: (1) A copy of a current and valid  
113 photo identification, (2) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
114 government check, paycheck or government document that shows the

115 name and address of the voter, (3) a valid Connecticut motor vehicle  
116 operator's license number, or (4) the last four digits of the individual's  
117 Social Security number. Members of the armed forces and persons  
118 entitled to use the federal post card application for absentee ballots  
119 under section 9-153a are not required to provide identification when  
120 registering by mail. No information submitted as part of a voter  
121 registration application under this subsection shall be subject to  
122 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to chapter  
123 14, except for the name, address, date of birth and telephone number of  
124 the applicant.

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

135 (c) Any additional documentation submitted as part of the voter  
136 registration application pursuant to this section may be destroyed by  
137 the registrars of voters after verification pursuant to the Help America  
138 Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time.

139 (d) If an individual described in subsection (a) of this section does not  
140 submit the identification described in subsection (a) of this section as  
141 part of the individual's application for admission as an elector, when the  
142 individual has entered the polling place in an election for federal office,  
143 the individual shall present: (1) A current and valid photo identification,  
144 or (2) [a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,  
145 paycheck or other government document that shows the name and  
146 address of the voter] any other preprinted form of identification which  
147 shows the individual's name, address and photograph. If an individual

148 does not meet the requirements of this subsection in an election for  
149 federal office, such individual may cast a provisional ballot prescribed  
150 under sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive.

151 (e) If an individual described in subsection (a) of this section does not  
152 submit the identification described in subsection (a) of this section as  
153 part of the individual's application for admission as an elector, and if the  
154 individual votes by absentee ballot in an election for federal office, the  
155 individual shall enclose in the outer absentee ballot envelope, and not  
156 in the inner envelope with the ballot: (1) A copy of a current and valid  
157 photo identification, or (2) a copy of [a current utility bill, bank  
158 statement, government check, paycheck, or other government  
159 document that shows the name and address of the voter] any other  
160 preprinted form of identification which shows the individual's name,  
161 address and photograph. If an individual does not meet the  
162 requirements of this subsection in an election for federal office, such  
163 individual's absentee ballot shall be processed in accordance with the  
164 provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 9-150a and  
165 treated as a provisional ballot for federal office only, pursuant to  
166 sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive.

167 Sec. 505. Subsection (a) of section 9-158e of the general statutes is  
168 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
169 *passage*):

170 (a) A person applying for a presidential ballot in person shall present:  
171 (1) A current and valid photo identification, or (2) a copy of [a current  
172 utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other  
173 government document that shows the name and address of the voter]  
174 any other preprinted form of identification which shows the  
175 individual's name, address and photograph. The application for a  
176 presidential ballot by mail shall be accompanied by: (A) A copy of a  
177 current and valid photo identification, or (B) a copy of [a current utility  
178 bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government  
179 document that shows the name and address of the voter] any other  
180 preprinted form of identification which shows the individual's name,

181 address and photograph. Upon receipt of an application for a  
182 presidential ballot under sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, the clerk,  
183 if satisfied that the application is proper and that the applicant is  
184 qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give or mail to the  
185 applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential and vice-  
186 presidential electors for use at the election and instructions and  
187 envelopes for its return."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	1-1h(a) and (b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-261(a)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23g(d)(4)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-23r
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	9-158e(a)