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LCO No. 1320



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER
REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-19h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *January 1, 2023*):

4 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and]
5 the Department of Motor Vehicles and each housing authority, as
6 defined in section 8-39, shall make voter registration information and
7 materials available to the public. Such information and materials shall
8 be placed in public areas of the offices of such departments and
9 authorities. The State Library and the libraries of the state's public
10 institutions of higher education shall also make such information and
11 materials available to users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State
12 shall provide such departments, such housing authorities, such libraries
13 and any libraries open to the public with suitable nonpartisan literature,
14 materials and voter registration application forms authorized under
15 sections 9-23g and 9-23h. The secretary shall also provide to the

16 Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and] the
17 Department of Motor Vehicles and each housing authority any furniture
18 needed to display such literature, materials and forms.

19 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
20 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
21 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include an application for the
22 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor
23 vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal,
24 which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with
25 each application form provided for an identity card issued under section
26 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector (A) shall be
27 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (B) shall not include
28 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (C) shall
29 contain a statement that (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, (ii)
30 contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement,
31 and (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.
32 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
33 application for admission which is submitted in person, by mail or
34 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
35 subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall
36 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona
37 fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United
38 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered
39 previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not
40 forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number
41 on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior
42 to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any
43 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such
44 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible
45 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
46 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote
47 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an
48 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and
49 on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner

50 received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words
51 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such
52 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or
53 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
54 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application
55 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence. If a
56 registration application is accepted within five days before the last day
57 for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be
58 transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of
59 the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance. The
60 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g which are
61 not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.
62 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made
63 under this section. The commissioner is not an admitting official and
64 may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral
65 privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

66 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
67 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
68 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
69 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
70 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
71 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
72 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
73 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
74 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
75 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
76 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
77 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

78 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
79 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
80 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
81 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
82 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
83 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of

84 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
85 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions
86 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
87 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

88 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
89 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
90 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
91 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
92 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
93 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
94 on behalf of such person.

95 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person
96 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
97 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
98 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
99 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
100 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
101 subdivision.

102 (c) On and after January 1, 2023, each housing authority shall provide,
103 at the time an individual has been accepted for admission to a housing
104 authority residential unit, and at the annual recertification of such
105 individual's household, an application for admission as an elector to
106 each member of such individual's household who is eligible to apply for
107 admission as an elector pursuant to section 9-12.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2023	9-19h

Statement of Purpose:

To require housing authorities to provide prospective tenants with voter registration applications.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]