



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5262

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-135 of the 2022 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any  
7 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if  
8 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's  
9 polling place [during the hours of voting for any of the following  
10 reasons: (1) Such elector's or person's active service with the armed  
11 forces of the United States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from  
12 the town of such elector's or person's voting residence during all of the  
13 hours of voting; (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or  
14 person's physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's  
15 religion forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election or

16 referendum; (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's  
17 duties as a primary, election or referendum official, including as a town  
18 clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling  
19 place other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours  
20 of voting at such primary, election or referendum; or (7) for the state  
21 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or  
22 after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, the sickness of  
23 COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory  
24 disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11,  
25 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized  
26 by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease] on the day  
27 of such primary, election or referendum because of absence from the city  
28 or town of which such elector or person is an inhabitant or because of  
29 sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of such elector's or  
30 person's religion forbid secular activity.

31 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for  
32 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to  
33 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

34 Sec. 2. Section 9-137 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
36 *passage*):

37 [(a)] Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk,  
38 inserted in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed and  
39 which shall have printed on its face a form containing the following  
40 statements:

41 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee  
42 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum  
43 in the [municipality] city or town in which this absentee ballot is to be  
44 cast and that I expect to be unable to appear at my polling place [during  
45 the hours of voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or  
46 more of the following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces;  
47 (2) my absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all

48 of the hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets  
49 of my religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary,  
50 election or referendum; or (5) my duties as a primary, election or  
51 referendum official] on the day of such primary, election or referendum  
52 because of my absence from the city or town of which I am an inhabitant  
53 or because of sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of my  
54 religion forbid secular activity.

55 Date ....

56 .... (Signature)"

57 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
58 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum  
59 held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, each inner  
60 envelope in which an absentee ballot is returned to the municipal clerk  
61 shall have printed on its face a form containing the following statements:

62 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee  
63 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum  
64 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I  
65 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of  
66 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the  
67 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my  
68 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the  
69 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my  
70 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election  
71 or referendum; (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum  
72 official; or (6) the sickness of COVID-19.

73 Date ....

74 .... (Signature)"]"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-135

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-137
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