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**"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY 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 9-19k of the general  
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system for  
7 online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered  
8 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant  
9 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)  
10 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in  
11 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) signature is in a database described  
12 in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported into such  
13 system for online voter registration.

14 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall

15 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems  
16 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The  
17 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by  
18 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's  
19 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any  
20 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the  
21 information submitted by applicants, except that the Secretary shall,  
22 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, cross reference such  
23 input information with the list compiled by the Jury Administrator  
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a, and made available to the  
25 Secretary pursuant to section 505 of this act, in order to attempt to verify  
26 such submitted information. The Secretary shall not use the information  
27 obtained from any such database except to verify information submitted  
28 by the applicant, provided the applicant's signature, if part of data  
29 contained in the state agency's database, shall be included as part of the  
30 applicant's information contained in the system for online voter  
31 registration.

32 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the 2022 supplement to the  
33 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
34 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

35 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,  
36 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
37 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include an application for the  
38 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor  
39 vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal,  
40 which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with  
41 each application form provided for an identity card issued under section  
42 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector (A) shall be  
43 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (B) shall not include  
44 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (C) shall  
45 contain a statement that (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, (ii)  
46 contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement,  
47 and (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.  
48 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed

49 application for admission which is submitted in person, by mail or  
50 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
51 subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall  
52 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona  
53 fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United  
54 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered  
55 previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not  
56 forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number  
57 on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior  
58 to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any  
59 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such  
60 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible  
61 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the  
62 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote  
63 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an  
64 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and  
65 on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner  
66 received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words  
67 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such  
68 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or  
69 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
70 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application  
71 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence, provided  
72 the commissioner has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a,  
73 attempted to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information  
74 using the list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to  
75 subsection (c) of section 51-222a, and made available to the  
76 commissioner pursuant to section 505 of this act. If a registration  
77 application is accepted within five days before the last day for  
78 registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be  
79 transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of  
80 the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance. The  
81 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g which are  
82 not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.  
83 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made

84 under this section. The commissioner is not an admitting official and  
85 may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral  
86 privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

87 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an  
88 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to  
89 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding  
90 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an  
91 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be  
92 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by  
93 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification  
94 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such  
95 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an  
96 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any  
97 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter  
98 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

99 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the  
100 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for  
101 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
102 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for  
103 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's  
104 United States citizenship information using the list compiled by the Jury  
105 Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a, said  
106 commissioner shall forthwith transmit an application for such person's  
107 admission as an elector to the registrars of voters of the town of  
108 residence of such person through an electronic system pursuant to this  
109 subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
110 subsection, except that no such application shall be transmitted if such  
111 person declines to apply for such admission.

112 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a  
113 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
114 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said  
115 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for  
116 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this

117 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission  
118 on behalf of such person.

119 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person  
120 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle  
121 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,  
122 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a  
123 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application  
124 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this  
125 subdivision.

126 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the 2022 supplement to the  
127 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
128 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

129 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each  
130 voter registration agency shall (A) distribute mail voter registration  
131 application forms, (B) assist applicants for assistance or services  
132 provided by the agency in completing voter registration application  
133 forms, except for applicants who refuse assistance in completing such  
134 forms, (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and  
135 provide each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency  
136 shall record the date that the agency received the application, using an  
137 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (D) immediately  
138 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of  
139 voting residence of the applicants, provided the voter registration  
140 agency has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempted  
141 to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information using the  
142 list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of  
143 section 51-222a, and made available to such agency pursuant to section  
144 505 of this act. The agency shall provide such receipt whether the  
145 application was submitted in person, by mail or through an electronic  
146 system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. If a registration  
147 application is accepted within five days before the last day for  
148 registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be  
149 transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of

150 the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance. Except  
151 as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the voter registration  
152 agency shall indicate on the completed mail voter registration  
153 application form, without indicating the identity of the voter  
154 registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such agency, to ensure  
155 that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is  
156 received by the registration agency by the last day for registration to  
157 vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in  
158 providing services to persons with disabilities provides services to a  
159 person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide  
160 such voter registration services at the person's home. The procedures in  
161 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not inconsistent  
162 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as  
163 amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this  
164 section. Officials and employees of such voter registration agencies are  
165 not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may not restore,  
166 under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons  
167 convicted of a felony.

168 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic  
169 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate  
170 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application  
171 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant  
172 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived  
173 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the  
174 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or  
175 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may  
176 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature  
177 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic  
178 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,  
179 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

180 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter  
181 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or  
182 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for  
183 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's

184 United States citizenship information using the list compiled by the Jury  
185 Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a, the agency  
186 shall forthwith transmit an application for such person's admission as  
187 an elector to the registrars of voters of the town of residence of such  
188 person through an electronic system pursuant to this subdivision, in  
189 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
190 except that no such application shall be transmitted if such person  
191 declines to apply for such admission.

192 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying  
193 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States  
194 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to  
195 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant  
196 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such  
197 admission on behalf of such person.

198 (iii) If the voter registration agency cannot determine whether a  
199 person applying for assistance or services provided by the agency is a  
200 United States citizen, such person shall attest to his or her United States  
201 citizenship as a precondition of the agency processing such person's  
202 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system  
203 pursuant to this subdivision.

204 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the 2022 supplement to the  
205 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
206 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

207 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to  
208 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
209 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,  
210 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,  
211 whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an elector  
212 are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, and whether he has  
213 previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any other  
214 state. Each such applicant shall present his birth certificate, drivers'  
215 license or Social Security card to the admitting official for inspection at

216 the time of application, and such admitting official shall,  
 217 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempt to verify such  
 218 applicant's United States citizenship information using the list compiled  
 219 by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a,  
 220 and made available to such admitting official pursuant to section 505 of  
 221 this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act or charter to  
 222 the contrary, the application form shall also, in a manner prescribed by  
 223 the Secretary of the State, provide for application for enrollment in any  
 224 political party, including, on any such form printed on or after January  
 225 1, 2006, a list of the names of the major parties, as defined in section 9-  
 226 372, as options for the applicant. The form shall indicate that such  
 227 enrollment is not mandatory.

228 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after  
 229 the Jury Administrator compiles the list of all qualified jurors in the state  
 230 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a of the general statutes, the  
 231 Jury Administrator shall make such list available to the Secretary of the  
 232 State, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, each voter registration  
 233 agency, as defined in section 9-23n of the general statutes, as amended  
 234 by this act, and the admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a of the  
 235 general statutes, of each town for the purposes of United States  
 236 citizenship verification during the elector admission process."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k(a) and (b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-20(a)
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	New section