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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 1-1h of the 2022
4 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective 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 or a certified homeless youth or certified homeless young adult. The
23 commissioner may waive the fee for any applicant (A) who has
24 voluntarily surrendered such applicant's motor vehicle operator's
25 license, (B) whose license has been refused by the commissioner
26 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36, or (C) who
27 is both a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and
28 blind, as defined in subsection (a) of section 1-1f. [, or (D) who is a
29 resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons or a
30 certified homeless youth or certified homeless young adult. The] Not
31 later than September 1, 2022, the commissioner shall adopt regulations,
32 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the
33 procedure and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any
34 such [homeless] applicant who does not have the means to pay the fee
35 for such identity card. For the purposes of this subsection, "certified
36 homeless youth" and "certified homeless young adult" have the same
37 meanings as provided in section 7-36.

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

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

50 eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars, [The]
51 and (ii) the commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for
52 an identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of
53 issuance. The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the
54 holder of an identity card if the United States Postal Service has
55 determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for
56 such person that is in the records of the department.

57 (B) The commissioner shall waive the fee for the renewal of an
58 identity card, or any prorated amount of such fee, for any person who
59 does not have the means to pay such fee or prorated amount.

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

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

83 form shall be used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted
84 form of identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
85 official checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the
86 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector
87 completes the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar
88 of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall
89 examine the information on such form and either instruct the official
90 checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the official
91 checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that
92 the form is incomplete or inaccurate] photograph.

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

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

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

114 (a) On or after January 1, 2003, any person who is applying, by mail,

115 to register to vote for the first time in this state may submit as part of
116 such voter registration application: (1) A copy of a current and valid
117 photo identification, (2) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
118 government check, paycheck or government document that shows the
119 name and address of the voter, (3) a valid Connecticut motor vehicle
120 operator's license number, or (4) the last four digits of the individual's
121 Social Security number. Members of the armed forces and persons
122 entitled to use the federal post card application for absentee ballots
123 under section 9-153a are not required to provide identification when
124 registering by mail. No information submitted as part of a voter
125 registration application under this subsection shall be subject to
126 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to chapter
127 14, except for the name, address, date of birth and telephone number of
128 the applicant.

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

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

143 (d) If an individual described in subsection (a) of this section does not
144 submit the identification described in subsection (a) of this section as
145 part of the individual's application for admission as an elector, when the
146 individual has entered the polling place in an election for federal office,
147 the individual shall present: (1) A current and valid photo identification,

148 or (2) [a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check,
149 paycheck or other government document that shows the name and
150 address of the voter] any other preprinted form of identification which
151 shows the individual's name, address and photograph. If an individual
152 does not meet the requirements of this subsection in an election for
153 federal office, such individual may cast a provisional ballot prescribed
154 under sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive.

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

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

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

181 current and valid photo identification, or (B) a copy of [a current utility
182 bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government
183 document that shows the name and address of the voter] any other
184 preprinted form of identification which shows the individual's name,
185 address and photograph. Upon receipt of an application for a
186 presidential ballot under sections 9-158a to 9-158m, inclusive, the clerk,
187 if satisfied that the application is proper and that the applicant is
188 qualified to vote under said sections, shall forthwith give or mail to the
189 applicant, as the case may be, a ballot for presidential and vice-
190 presidential electors for use at the election and instructions and
191 envelopes for its return."

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| 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) |