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AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Any eligible voter may
2 vote prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum, in
3 accordance with the provisions of this section, during a period of early
4 voting at each regular election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each
5 primary, special election or referendum held on or after January 1, 2024.

6 (b) Such period of early voting shall (1) commence on the fifteenth
7 day, and conclude on the second day, prior to such election, primary or
8 referendum, and (2) consist of fourteen total days, at such times as
9 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act.

11 (c) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a
12 location for the conduct of early voting, provided (A) the registrars of
13 voters have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration
14 system from such location, and (B) such location is certified in writing
15 to the Secretary of the State not later than one hundred twenty days

16 prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum. The written
17 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i)
18 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
19 with such location, (ii) the number of election, primary or referendum
20 officials appointed to serve at such location and the roles of such
21 officials, and (iii) a description of the design of such location and a plan
22 for effective conduct of such early voting. The Secretary shall approve
23 or disapprove such written certification not later than ninety days before
24 the day of such election, primary or referendum. If the Secretary
25 disapproves such certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing,
26 the reasons for such disapproval and shall issue an order for such
27 corrective action as the Secretary deems necessary, including, but not
28 limited to, the appointment of additional election, primary or
29 referendum officials or the alteration of such design or plan. After
30 having received approval of such certification or having complied with
31 any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as
32 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such
33 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one
34 days prior to an election, primary or referendum. Such location shall not
35 be changed within the period of thirty-one days prior to such election,
36 primary or referendum, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of
37 voters unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable
38 within such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate
39 another location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of
40 the location so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that
41 such location has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d
42 and 9-168e of the general statutes shall apply to such location designated
43 for the conduct of early voting.

44 (2) The registrars of voters of any municipality with a population of
45 at least forty-five thousand may apply to the Secretary of the State not
46 later than one hundred twenty days before the day of an election,
47 primary or referendum, in a form and manner prescribed by the
48 Secretary, to designate any additional location for the conduct of early
49 voting. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not

50 later than ninety days before the day of such election, primary or
51 referendum. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars of
52 voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions of
53 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
54 location. For the purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the
55 estimated number of people according to the most recent version of the
56 State Register and Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the
57 general statutes.

58 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election, primary or
59 referendum official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section
60 any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The
61 registrars of voters shall supervise each such official and train each such
62 official to be an early voting election, primary or referendum official.

63 (d) Any voter who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at
64 an election, primary or referendum, and is eligible to so vote at such
65 election, primary or referendum, shall (1) appear in person at such time
66 as provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as
67 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of
68 voters for early voting, (2) identify such voter as required by subsection
69 (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes, and (3) declare under oath
70 that such voter has not previously voted in such election, primary or
71 referendum, as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

72 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that a voter is eligible to vote
73 in the election, primary or referendum, the registrars of voters shall
74 check the state-wide centralized voter registration system before
75 allowing such voter to cast an early voting ballot as provided in
76 subsection (f) of this section.

77 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has not already
78 voted, or if there is no report that the voter has already voted, the
79 registrars shall allow such voter to vote.

80 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has already

81 voted, such voter shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be
82 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if
83 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported
84 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an
85 investigation of the matter.

86 (f) If the voter is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall provide
87 such voter with an early voting ballot and early voting envelope and
88 shall make a record of such issuance. The voter shall complete an
89 affirmation printed upon the back of the early voting envelope and shall
90 declare under oath that the voter has not previously voted in the
91 election, primary or referendum. The affirmation shall be in the form
92 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

93 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
94 of false statement (perjury), that:

95 1. I am the voter appearing in person to vote at an election, primary
96 or referendum prior to the day of such election, primary or referendum.

97 2. I am eligible to vote in the election, primary or referendum
98 indicated for today.

99 3. I have identified myself to the satisfaction of the registrars of voters.

100 4. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
101 otherwise than by this ballot at this election, primary or referendum.

102 5. I have received an early voting ballot for the purpose of so voting.

103 (Signature of voter)

104 (g) The voter shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the
105 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars
106 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The voter
107 shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot envelope
108 provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting ballot

109 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
110 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
111 containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal clerk, who
112 shall retain such ballots until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of
113 voters on the day of the election, primary or referendum for the purpose
114 of counting such ballots. A section of the head moderator's return shall
115 show the number of early voting ballots received from voters. The
116 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for early voting
117 ballots in a depository envelope with the early voting ballots and store
118 such early voting depository envelope with the other election, primary
119 or referendum results materials. The early voting depository envelope
120 shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time
121 required to preserve counted ballots for elections, primaries or
122 referenda.

123 (h) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of title 9
124 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted under said title
125 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
126 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control
127 and counting of early voting ballots under this section.

128 (i) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any
129 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
130 submitted at the election, primary or referendum, or loiter or peddle or
131 offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within
132 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry
133 to any location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting or
134 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such
135 outside entrance to any such location or in any room opening upon any
136 such corridor, passageway or approach.

137 (j) The provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
138 shall not apply to any primary held for the purpose of choosing town
139 committee members.

140 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots and same-

141 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received by the
142 municipal clerk prior to the day of the election or primary shall be
143 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars between six o'clock
144 a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the election or primary.

145 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day
146 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the
147 central counting location or to the respective polling places when
148 counting is to take place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a of
149 the general statutes at the time, between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock
150 a.m. on the day of the election or primary, designated by the registrars
151 of voters. At the time such ballots are delivered to the ballot counters
152 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the ballot counters shall
153 perform any checking of such ballots and proceed, as nearly as possible,
154 as provided in section 9-150a of the general statutes.

155 Sec. 3. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

157 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
158 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
159 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in
160 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election
161 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.
162 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour
163 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector
164 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the
165 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the
166 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow
167 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
168 line.

169 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
170 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
171 at any regular election, each location designated for election day
172 registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by

173 this act, shall remain open for election day registration and voting from
174 six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day
175 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such
176 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location
177 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such
178 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police
179 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,
180 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or
181 officer shall not allow any applicants who were not in such line at eight
182 o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

183 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
184 special act or municipal charter, at any election held on or after July 1,
185 2023, and at any primary, special election or referendum held on or after
186 January 1, 2024, each location designated for early voting pursuant to
187 subsection (c) of section 1 of this act shall, during the early voting period,
188 remain open from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such
189 location shall remain open from eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m.
190 on the last Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election, primary or
191 referendum. No voter shall be permitted to cast such voter's vote after
192 the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early
193 voting at such election, primary or referendum unless such voter is in
194 line at such prescribed hour. An election, primary or referendum official
195 or a police officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars
196 of voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour.
197 Such official or officer shall not allow any voters who were not in such
198 line at such prescribed hour to enter such line.

199 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is
200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
201 *2023*):

202 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with
203 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for
204 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,

205 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this
206 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such
207 primaries, special elections and referenda held on or after January 1,
208 2024. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) solutions for
209 ballot or envelope shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in the event
210 of (A) a shortage or absence of [poll workers] election, primary or
211 referendum officials at the polling place or the location designated for
212 early voting, as applicable, (B) a loss of power, (C) a fire or the sounding
213 of an alarm within a polling place or a location designated for early
214 voting, (D) voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural
215 disaster, (F) the need to remove [a poll worker or moderator] an election,
216 primary or referendum official and to replace such [worker or
217 moderator] official, and (G) disorder in and around the polling place or
218 the location designated for early voting.

219 Sec. 5. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

221 (a) As used in [this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of]
222 this section: [, "election day"]

223 (1) "Election day" means the day on which a regular election, as
224 defined in section 9-1, as amended by this act, is held;

225 (2) "Primary day" means the day on which a primary, as defined in
226 section 9-372 or 9-463, as applicable, is held;

227 (3) "Same-day election registration" means admission as an elector
228 during the period of early voting at an election, as provided in section 1
229 of this act, or on election day; and

230 (4) "Same-day primary registration" means both admission as an
231 elector and enrollment in a political party holding a primary during the
232 period of early voting at a primary, as provided in section 1 of this act,
233 or on primary day.

234 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)

235 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
236 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
237 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
238 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
239 of section 9-12, may apply for [~~admission as an elector on election day~~]
240 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration
241 pursuant to the provisions [~~of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,~~] of this
242 section.

243 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
244 completion and processing of [~~election day registration applications on~~
245 ~~election day~~] same-day election registrations and same-day primary
246 registrations, provided (A) the registrars of voters [~~shall~~] have access to
247 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
248 and (B) such location [~~shall be~~] is certified in writing to the Secretary of
249 the State not later than [~~thirty-one~~] forty-five days before election day or
250 primary day. The written certification under subparagraph (B) of this
251 subdivision shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant
252 contact information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and
253 address of each election official or primary official appointed to serve at
254 such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description of the design of such
255 location and a plan for effective completion and processing of such
256 applications. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written
257 certification not later than [~~fifteen~~] twenty-nine days before election day
258 or primary day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one
259 or more additional election officials or primary officials or alter such
260 design or plan.

261 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
262 later than [~~sixty~~] seventy-four days before election day or primary day,
263 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
264 additional location for the completion and processing of [~~election day~~]
265 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [~~on~~
266 ~~election day.~~] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
267 application not later than [~~forty-five~~] fifty-nine days before election day

268 or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars
269 of voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions
270 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
271 location.

272 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official
273 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection [, if any,] any
274 of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars
275 of voters shall supervise each such election official or primary official
276 and train each such [election] official to be [an election day registration
277 election] a same-day election or same-day primary registration official.

278 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day
279 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of
280 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in
281 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on
282 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not
283 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
284 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars
285 of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
286 registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to election
287 day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such time as
288 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, at
289 such location, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
290 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
291 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section
292 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
293 has not previously voted in the election or primary, as provided in
294 subsection (f) of this section. If the information that the applicant is
295 required to provide under section 9-20 and [subsections (a) to (i),
296 inclusive, of] this section does not include proof of the applicant's
297 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
298 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
299 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
300 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due

301 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or primary or, in
302 the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a
303 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the
304 applicant's name and current address.

305 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
306 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
307 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
308 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector or
309 enrolling such applicant in a political party holding a primary.

310 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
311 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
312 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.
313 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters
314 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,
315 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party
316 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of
317 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

318 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
319 elector in another municipality and [such applicant states that he or she]
320 such applicant wants to change the municipality in which the applicant
321 is an elector, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the
322 registrars of voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks
323 to register shall immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other
324 municipality that such elector is changing the municipality in which the
325 applicant is an elector. The registrars of voters in such other
326 municipality shall notify the election officials in such municipality to
327 remove such elector from the official voter list and, if applicable, any
328 enrollment list of such municipality. Such election officials shall cross
329 through the elector's name on such official voter list and, if applicable,
330 enrollment list and mark "off" next to such elector's name on any such
331 [official voter] list.

332 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other

333 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
334 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
335 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
336 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary
337 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in
338 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the
339 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
340 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks
341 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters
342 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
343 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot
344 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections
345 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
346 matter.

347 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
348 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
349 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
350 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the
351 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the
352 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's
353 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach
354 immediately.

355 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
356 shall provide the elector with [an election day] a same-day election or
357 same-day primary registration ballot and [election day] same-day
358 election or same-day primary registration envelope and shall make a
359 record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation
360 imprinted upon the back of the same-day election or same-day primary
361 registration envelope [for an election day registration ballot] and shall
362 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
363 election or primary. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as
364 follows and signed by the voter:

365 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
366 of false statement, (perjury) that:

367 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

368 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today
369 in the town indicated.

370 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
371 complete.

372 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

373 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
374 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
375 such prior registration.

376 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
377 otherwise than by this ballot at this election or primary.

378 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election
379 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an
380 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary
381 registration ballot.

382 (Signature of voter)

383 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day
384 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the
385 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall
386 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day
387 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the
388 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
389 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
390 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
391 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
392 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early

393 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
394 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary
395 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots
396 until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election day
397 or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election day
398 or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters and
399 noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of voters
400 shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day] same-day
401 election or same-day primary registration ballots received on such
402 election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,
403 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
404 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
405 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary
406 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
407 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-
408 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from
409 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for
410 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
411 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day
412 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such
413 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
414 depository envelope with the other election or primary results
415 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
416 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
417 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
418 elections.

419 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of
420 [the general statutes and regulations] title 9 and any regulation adopted
421 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control
422 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the
423 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or
424 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),
425 inclusive, of] this section.

426 (i) After the acceptance of [an election day] a same-day election or
427 same-day primary registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith
428 send a registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each
429 applicant who [is] was admitted as an elector on election day or during
430 the period of early voting prior to election day, or who was enrolled in
431 a political party holding a primary on primary day or during the period
432 of early voting prior to primary day, under [subsections (a) to (i),
433 inclusive, of] this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class
434 mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not
435 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
436 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the
437 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,
438 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

439 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the
440 candidacy of another or himself or herself] any candidate or [in] on
441 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the
442 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or
443 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any
444 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the
445 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day
446 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other
447 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location
448 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
449 approach.

450 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
451 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
452 *2023*):

453 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
454 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
455 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
456 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
457 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in

458 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
459 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
460 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such
461 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen
462 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
463 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in
464 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location
465 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting
466 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,
467 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for
468 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the
469 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early
470 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record
471 each such warning.

472 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to
473 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to
474 November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this section shall
475 be given not more than seven nor less than four days previous to
476 holding such election.

477 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is
478 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
479 *2023*):

480 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
481 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection
482 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town
483 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper
484 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such
485 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
486 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
487 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be
488 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the
489 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town

490 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of
491 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in
492 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
493 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site of
494 each location designated for [election day] same-day election
495 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for
496 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record
497 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
498 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a
499 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or
500 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen
501 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
502 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of
503 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within
504 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
505 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
506 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the
507 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and
508 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
509 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site
510 of each location designated for [election day] same-day election
511 registration, and (IV) the time and the site of each location designated
512 for the conduct of early voting, in such city or borough.

513 Sec. 8. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-255a of the general
514 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
515 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

516 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each
517 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State
518 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have
519 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such
520 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number
521 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in
522 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held

523 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary or special election held on
524 or after January 1, 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided
525 by the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,
526 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each such polling place or
527 location, as applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or
528 primaries of similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The
529 registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such
530 certification any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such
531 polling place or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be
532 provided to the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the
533 commencement of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-
534 one days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at a
535 primary.

536 (b) If the registrars of voters and municipal clerk of a municipality do
537 not jointly submit the certification as set forth in subsection (a) of this
538 section, such registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall order a
539 number of ballots equal to the total number of registered voters in their
540 municipality for such election or primary.

541 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to
542 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections
543 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the
544 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before
545 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the
546 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at
547 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such
548 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the
549 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a
550 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

551 Sec. 9. Section 9-373a of the general statutes is repealed and the
552 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

553 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district
554 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his

555 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the
556 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and
557 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of
558 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary
559 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of
560 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a
561 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall
562 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be
563 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election
564 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on
565 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early
566 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person
567 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating
568 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the
569 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy
570 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of
571 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in
572 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town
573 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more
574 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town
575 not later than the last business day preceding such election. A person
576 may register as a write-in candidate for a district or municipal office if
577 such person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the
578 district or municipality represented by such office, as the case may be.
579 A person may register as a write-in candidate for a state office if such
580 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

581 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-224b of the general statutes
582 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
583 *January 1, 2024*):

584 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in order to be
585 a valid write-in candidate in a special election called to fill a vacancy in
586 a state, district or municipal office, a person shall register with the
587 Secretary of the State not earlier than ninety days before such election

588 and not later than the end of the business day on the fourteenth day
589 preceding the commencement of the period of early voting at such
590 election.

591 (b) In order to be a valid write-in candidate in a special election called
592 to fill a vacancy in the municipal office of town meeting member in any
593 town having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or
594 more members, a person shall register with the town clerk of such town
595 not earlier than ninety days preceding such election and not later than
596 the last business day preceding the commencement of the period of
597 early voting at the election.

598 Sec. 11. Section 9-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the
599 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

600 At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early voting
601 at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to sections
602 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the commencement of
603 the period of early voting at any regular election held on or after July 1,
604 2023, or at any special election held on or after January 1, 2024, the
605 Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate from a ballot
606 where it is shown that said candidate is improperly on the ballot.

607 Sec. 12. Section 9-460 of the general statutes is repealed and the
608 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

609 If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after
610 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot
611 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in
612 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee
613 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on
614 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,
615 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified
616 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such
617 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation
618 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for

619 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another
620 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not
621 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a
622 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no
623 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this
624 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed
625 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the
626 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator
627 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in
628 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state
629 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the
630 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No
631 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is
632 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office
633 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or
634 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state
635 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee
636 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of
637 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this
638 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days, but prior to twenty-four
639 hours, before the [opening of the polls on the day of] commencement of
640 the period of early voting at the election for which such nomination has
641 been made, the vacancy may be filled in the manner prescribed in this
642 section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before the [election] first day of
643 such period of early voting with the municipal clerk or the Secretary of
644 the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies within twenty-four hours
645 before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early
646 voting at the election and prior to the close of the polls on the day of the
647 election for which such nomination has been made, such nominee shall
648 not be replaced and the votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed
649 and counted, and if such nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast,
650 a vacancy shall exist in the office for which the nomination was made.
651 The vacancy shall then be filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy
652 of such certification to the municipal clerk shall also be filed with the

653 Secretary of the State. Such nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or
654 disqualification shall include a statement setting forth the reason for
655 such vacancy. If at the time such nomination is certified to the Secretary
656 of the State or to the municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have
657 already been printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal
658 clerk in each municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with
659 the nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers
660 to be affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has
661 died, withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any
662 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as
663 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank
664 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

665 Sec. 13. Section 9-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
666 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

667 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-
668 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a
669 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed
670 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the
671 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
672 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for
673 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
674 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such
675 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner
676 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,
677 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed
678 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one
679 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a
680 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so
681 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of
682 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names
683 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the
684 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of
685 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town

686 committee members to be elected by such party either in the
687 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no
688 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed
689 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully
690 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in
691 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other
692 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a
693 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
694 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
695 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position
696 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot
697 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining
698 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate
699 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the
700 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
701 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or
702 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and
703 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to
704 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent
705 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no
706 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

707 Sec. 14. Section 9-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
708 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

709 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for
710 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four
711 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
712 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day
713 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from
714 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or
715 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the
716 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such
717 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for
718 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the

719 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to
720 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so
721 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior
722 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting
723 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate
724 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such
725 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to
726 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such
727 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed
728 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such
729 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within
730 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been
731 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position
732 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the
733 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such
734 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so
735 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement
736 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made
737 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the
738 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
739 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have
740 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the
741 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling
742 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the
743 opening of the polls at such primary.

744 Sec. 15. Section 9-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the
745 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

746 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
747 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of
748 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,
749 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been
750 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-
751 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates

752 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated
753 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,
754 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to
755 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

756 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
757 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
758 *1, 2024*):

759 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
760 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
761 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
762 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of
763 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to
764 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices
765 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of
766 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,
767 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

768 Sec. 17. Section 9-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the
769 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

770 The Secretary of the State shall provide to the clerk of the
771 municipality in which such election is to be held a list of the candidates
772 of each party for such office by the thirty-fourth day before the
773 commencement of the period of early voting at such special election.

774 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is
775 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
776 *2023*):

777 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

778 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,
779 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the
780 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be
781 open;

782 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each
783 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for
784 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of
785 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,
786 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
787 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state
788 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact
789 information" means any or all of the following information received by
790 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties
791 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing
792 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address
793 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a
794 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President
795 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress
796 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election
797 Commission's web site;

798 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
799 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
800 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state
801 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of
802 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state
803 congressional districts;

804 (4) A description of each office to be filled at the state election;

805 (5) An absentee ballot application in printable format;

806 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

807 (7) Information on the procedure for registering to vote;

808 (8) A voter registration application in printable format;

809 (9) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment that will
810 appear on the ballot at the state election;

811 (10) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such
812 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office of
813 Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a; and

814 (11) The text of the Voter's Bill of Rights set forth in section 9-236b.

815 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State shall
816 develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to
817 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at regular
818 elections, primaries and referenda and provide information to the
819 public concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the
820 number of days of early voting prior to an election, primary or
821 referendum, the hours for early voting during such days and the
822 procedures for casting a ballot at locations designated for the conduct of
823 early voting.

824 Sec. 20. Section 9-235e of the general statutes is repealed and the
825 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

826 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the
827 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling
828 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the
829 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
830 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or
831 location and any recanvass for compliance with state and federal law. If
832 the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or primary at
833 a polling place, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling
834 place pursuant to the provisions of this section.

835 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is
836 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
837 *2023*):

838 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
839 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,
840 except conduct early voting, by entering into an agreement pursuant to

841 this section. Any such agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain
842 all provisions upon which each participating municipality agrees. Any
843 such agreement shall establish a process for amendment of, termination
844 of and withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall
845 be submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality
846 for a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each
847 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public
848 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing
849 an opportunity for public comment does not require a legislative body
850 to conduct a public hearing.

851 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
852 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
853 *2023*):

854 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
855 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
856 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
857 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they
858 voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during
859 the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee
860 ballot.

861 Sec. 23. Subsection (y) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
862 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

863 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
864 means the day which is the [~~seventh~~] eighteenth day prior to an election.

865 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes are
866 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
867 *2023*):

868 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day that
869 a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
870 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of each

871 regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall hold
872 sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found
873 qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section. Such
874 sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours indicated,
875 except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

T1	Day	Hours
T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	[Seventh] <u>Eighteenth</u> day	
T6	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

876 The session of the registrars of voters on the [seventh] eighteenth day
877 before election day shall be the last session for admission of electors
878 prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1, as
879 amended by this act. (2) No town having a population of less than
880 twenty-five thousand persons shall be required to hold sessions for
881 admission of electors on the fourteenth day before primary day.

882 Sec. 25. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is
883 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
884 *2023*):

885 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
886 section after the [seventh] eighteenth day before an election or after the
887 [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall
888 not attach until the day after such election or primary, as the case may
889 be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such applicant,
890 either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the
891 effect of such late received application and any applicable deadline for
892 applying for admission in person.

893 Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
894 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

895 1, 2023):

896 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of
897 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
898 application and review the application to determine whether the
899 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
900 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on
901 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,
902 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date
903 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to
904 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not
905 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,
906 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall
907 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the
908 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally
909 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has
910 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be
911 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during
912 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and
913 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of
914 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning
915 on the twentieth day before such election and ending on the [seventh]
916 eighteenth day before such election, (ii) during the period beginning on
917 the [sixth] seventeenth day before an election and ending on election
918 day if the application has been received by the [seventh] eighteenth day
919 before an election by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
920 registration agency, (iii) during the period beginning on the twenty-first
921 day before a primary and ending on the [fifth] eighteenth day before a
922 primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the [fourth] seventeenth
923 day before a primary and ending at twelve o'clock noon on the last
924 weekday before a primary, if the application has been postmarked by
925 the [fifth] eighteenth day before the primary and is received in the office
926 of the registrars of voters during such period or if the application is
927 received by the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary by the
928 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, and

929 (C) within ten days of receipt of an application at any other time. A
930 notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail with instructions on
931 the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown
932 on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall indicate the effective date
933 of the applicant's registration and enrollment, the date of the next
934 regularly scheduled election or primary in which the applicant shall be
935 eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and polling place. If a notice
936 of acceptance of an application is returned undelivered, the registrars
937 shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35
938 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35. An
939 applicant for admission as an elector pursuant to this section and section
940 9-23h may only be admitted as an elector by a registrar of voters of the
941 town of his residence. Not later than December thirty-first, annually, the
942 Secretary of the State shall establish an official calendar of all deadlines
943 set forth in this subsection for regularly scheduled elections and
944 primaries to be held in the following calendar year.

945 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the privileges
946 of an elector for any applicant for admission under this section and
947 section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by the registrar,
948 and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

949 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed
950 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the
951 office of the registrars of voters, after the [seventh] eighteenth day before
952 an election or after the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary, the
953 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such election
954 or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters
955 may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to
956 inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in
957 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in
958 person.

959 (3) If an application is received after the [seventh] eighteenth day
960 before an election or after the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary by

961 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency,
962 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
963 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
964 whichever is later.

965 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
966 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
967 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
968 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
969 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
970 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
971 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
972 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
973 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
974 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
975 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
976 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
977 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)
978 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

979 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the
980 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
981 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

982 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
983 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of
984 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
985 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
986 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
987 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
988 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such
989 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at
990 elections, primaries and referenda. Any registrar who fails to satisfy
991 such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of
992 the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2023	9-174
Sec. 4	July 1, 2023	9-174a(a)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2023	9-19j
Sec. 6	July 1, 2023	9-225(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2023	9-226(a)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2023	9-255a(a) to (c)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2023	9-373a
Sec. 10	January 1, 2024	9-224b(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2023	9-329b
Sec. 12	July 1, 2023	9-460
Sec. 13	January 1, 2024	9-426
Sec. 14	January 1, 2024	9-428
Sec. 15	January 1, 2024	9-429
Sec. 16	January 1, 2024	9-55(b)
Sec. 17	January 1, 2024	9-217
Sec. 18	July 1, 2023	9-4a(b)
Sec. 19	from passage	New section
Sec. 20	July 1, 2023	9-235e
Sec. 21	July 1, 2023	9-6c(a)
Sec. 22	July 1, 2023	9-50b(c)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2023	9-1(y)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2023	9-17(a)
Sec. 25	July 1, 2023	9-19k(f)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2023	9-23g(c) and (d)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2023	9-192a(a)(3)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) establish early voting beginning in 2023 for certain elections and beginning in 2024 for certain primaries, special elections and referenda, (2) establish the number of days and hours of, and implement procedures for the conduct of, such early voting, (3) provide for same-day election and same-day primary registrations during periods of early voting, (4) make conforming changes to deadlines for the performance of certain duties prior to an election or primary, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to undertake efforts to educate the public about

early voting and train registrars of voters regarding the administration of early voting.

[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.]

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