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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE AND
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 elector may
2 vote prior to the day of an election or primary, in accordance with the
3 provisions of this section, during a period of early voting at each regular
4 election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each primary held on or after
5 January 1, 2024.

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

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

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

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

49 such application, the registrars of voters may so designate any such
50 additional location. The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection
51 shall apply to any such additional location. For the purposes of this
52 subdivision, "population" means the estimated number of people
53 according to the most recent version of the State Register and Manual
54 prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

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

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

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

74 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the elector has not already
75 voted, or if there is no report that the elector has already voted, the
76 registrars shall allow such elector to vote.

77 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the elector has already
78 voted, such elector shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be
79 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if
80 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported

81 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an
82 investigation of the matter.

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

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

92 1. I am the elector appearing in person to vote at an election or
93 primary prior to the day of such election or primary.

94 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today.

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

96 4. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
97 otherwise than by this ballot at this election or primary.

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

99 (Signature of voter)

100 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the
101 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars
102 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The
103 elector shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot
104 envelope provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting
105 ballot depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the
106 early voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such
107 receptacle containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal
108 clerk, who shall retain such ballots until delivery of such ballots to the
109 registrars of voters on the day of the election or primary for the purpose

110 of counting such ballots. A section of the head moderator's return shall
111 show the number of early voting ballots received from electors. The
112 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for early voting
113 ballots in a depository envelope with the early voting ballots and store
114 such early voting depository envelope with the other election or
115 primary results materials. The early voting depository envelope shall be
116 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to
117 preserve counted ballots for elections.

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

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

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

135 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots and same-
136 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received by the
137 municipal clerk prior to the day of the election or primary shall be
138 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars between six o'clock
139 a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the election or primary.

140 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day
141 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the

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

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

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

164 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
165 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
166 at any regular election, each location designated for election day
167 registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by
168 this act, shall remain open for election day registration and voting from
169 six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day
170 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such
171 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location
172 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such
173 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police
174 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,

175 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or
176 officer shall not allow any applicants who were not in such line at eight
177 o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

178 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
179 special act or municipal charter, at any election held on or after July 1,
180 2023, and at any primary held on or after January 1, 2024, each location
181 designated for early voting pursuant to subsection (c) of section 1 of this
182 act shall, during the early voting period, remain open from ten o'clock
183 a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such location shall remain open from
184 eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m. on the last Wednesday and
185 Thursday prior to the election or primary. No elector shall be permitted
186 to cast such elector's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the
187 location designated for early voting at such election or primary unless
188 such elector is in line at such prescribed hour. An election or primary
189 official or a police officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the
190 registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at such
191 prescribed hour. Such official or officer shall not allow any electors who
192 were not in such line at such prescribed hour to enter such line.

193 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is
194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
195 *2023*):

196 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with
197 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for
198 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,
199 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this
200 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such
201 primaries held on or after January 1, 2024. Such plan shall include, but
202 not be limited to, (1) solutions for ballot or envelope shortages, and (2)
203 strategies to implement in the event of (A) a shortage or absence of [poll
204 workers] election, primary or referendum officials at the polling place
205 or the location designated for early voting, as applicable, (B) a loss of
206 power, (C) a fire or the sounding of an alarm within a polling place or a
207 location designated for early voting, (D) voting machine malfunctions,

208 (E) a weather or other natural disaster, (F) the need to remove [a poll
209 worker or moderator] an election, primary or referendum official and to
210 replace such [worker or moderator] official, and (G) disorder in and
211 around the polling place or the location designated for early voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

227 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
228 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
229 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
230 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
231 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
232 of section 9-12, may apply for [admission as an elector on election day]
233 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration
234 pursuant to the provisions [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this
235 section.

236 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
237 completion and processing of [election day registration applications on

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

254 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
255 later than [sixty] seventy days before election day or primary day, in a
256 form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
257 additional location for the completion and processing of [election day]
258 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [on
259 election day.] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
260 application not later than [forty-five] fifty-five days before election day
261 or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars
262 of voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions
263 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
264 location.

265 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official
266 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection [, if any,] any
267 of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars
268 of voters shall supervise each such election official or primary official
269 and train each such [election] official to be [an election day registration
270 election] a same-day election or same-day primary registration official.

271 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day
272 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of
273 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in
274 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on
275 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not
276 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
277 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars
278 of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
279 registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to election
280 day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such time as
281 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, at
282 such location, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
283 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
284 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section
285 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
286 has not previously voted in the election or primary, as provided in
287 subsection (f) of this section. If the information that the applicant is
288 required to provide under section 9-20 and [subsections (a) to (i),
289 inclusive, of] this section does not include proof of the applicant's
290 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
291 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
292 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
293 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
294 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or primary or, in
295 the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a
296 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the
297 applicant's name and current address.

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

303 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
304 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as

305 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.
306 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters
307 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,
308 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party
309 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of
310 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

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

325 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
326 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
327 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
328 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
329 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary
330 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in
331 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the
332 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
333 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks
334 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters
335 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
336 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot
337 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections
338 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the

339 matter.

340 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
341 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
342 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
343 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the
344 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the
345 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's
346 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach
347 immediately.

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

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

- 360 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 361 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today
362 in the town indicated.
- 363 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
364 complete.
- 365 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.
- 366 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
367 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
368 such prior registration.

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

371 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election
372 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an
373 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary
374 registration ballot.

375 (Signature of voter)

376 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day
377 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the
378 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall
379 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day
380 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the
381 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
382 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
383 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
384 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
385 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
386 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
387 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary
388 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots
389 until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election day
390 or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election day
391 or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters and
392 noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of voters
393 shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day] same-day
394 election or same-day primary registration ballots received on such
395 election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,
396 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
397 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
398 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary
399 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
400 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-
401 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from

402 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for
403 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
404 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day
405 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such
406 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
407 depository envelope with the other election or primary results
408 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
409 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
410 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
411 elections.

412 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of
413 title 9 [the general statutes and regulations] and any regulation adopted
414 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control
415 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the
416 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or
417 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),
418 inclusive, of] this section.

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

432 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the
433 candidacy of another or himself or herself] any candidate or [in] on
434 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the

435 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or
436 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any
437 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the
438 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day
439 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other
440 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location
441 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
442 approach.

443 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
444 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
445 *2023*):

446 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
447 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
448 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
449 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
450 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in
451 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
452 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
453 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such
454 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen
455 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
456 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in
457 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location
458 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting
459 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,
460 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for
461 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the
462 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early
463 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record
464 each such warning.

465 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to
466 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to
467 November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this section shall

468 be given not more than seven nor less than four days previous to
469 holding such election.

470 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is
471 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
472 *2023*):

473 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
474 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection
475 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town
476 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper
477 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such
478 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
479 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
480 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be
481 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the
482 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town
483 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of
484 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in
485 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
486 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site of
487 each location designated for [election day] same-day election
488 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for
489 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record
490 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
491 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a
492 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or
493 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen
494 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
495 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of
496 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within
497 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
498 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
499 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the
500 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and
501 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each

502 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site
503 of each location designated for [election day] same-day election
504 registration, and (IV) the time and the site of each location designated
505 for the conduct of early voting, in such city or borough.

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

509 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each
510 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State
511 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have
512 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such
513 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number
514 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in
515 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held
516 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary held on or after January 1,
517 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided by the Secretary that
518 shall have questions, including, but not limited to, those pertaining to
519 the historical turnout for each such polling place or location, as
520 applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or primaries of
521 similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The registrars of
522 voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such certification
523 any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such polling place
524 or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be provided to
525 the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the commencement
526 of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-one days prior to
527 the commencement of the period of early voting at a primary.

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

533 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to

534 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections
535 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the
536 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before
537 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the
538 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at
539 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such
540 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the
541 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a
542 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

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

545 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district
546 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his
547 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the
548 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and
549 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of
550 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary
551 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of
552 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a
553 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall
554 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be
555 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election
556 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on
557 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early
558 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person
559 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating
560 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the
561 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy
562 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of
563 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in
564 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town
565 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more
566 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town
567 not later than the last business day preceding such election. A person

568 may register as a write-in candidate for a district or municipal office if
569 such person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the
570 district or municipality represented by such office, as the case may be.
571 A person may register as a write-in candidate for a state office if such
572 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

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

576 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in order to be
577 a valid write-in candidate in a special election called to fill a vacancy in
578 a state, district or municipal office, a person shall register with the
579 Secretary of the State not earlier than ninety days before such election
580 and not later than the end of the business day on the fourteenth day
581 preceding the commencement of the period of early voting at such
582 election.

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

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

592 At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early voting
593 at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to sections
594 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the commencement of
595 the period of early voting at any regular election held on or after July 1,
596 2023, the Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate from
597 a ballot where it is shown that said candidate is improperly on the ballot.

598 Sec. 12. Section 9-460 of the general statutes is repealed and the

599 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

600 If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after
601 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot
602 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in
603 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee
604 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on
605 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,
606 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified
607 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such
608 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation
609 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for
610 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another
611 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not
612 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a
613 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no
614 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this
615 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed
616 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the
617 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator
618 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in
619 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state
620 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the
621 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No
622 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is
623 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office
624 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or
625 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state
626 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee
627 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of
628 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this
629 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days, but prior to twenty-four
630 hours, before the [opening of the polls on the day of] commencement of
631 the period of early voting at the election for which such nomination has
632 been made, the vacancy may be filled in the manner prescribed in this

633 section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before the [election] first day of
634 such period of early voting with the municipal clerk or the Secretary of
635 the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies within twenty-four hours
636 before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early
637 voting at the election and prior to the close of the polls on the day of the
638 election for which such nomination has been made, such nominee shall
639 not be replaced and the votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed
640 and counted, and if such nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast,
641 a vacancy shall exist in the office for which the nomination was made.
642 The vacancy shall then be filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy
643 of such certification to the municipal clerk shall also be filed with the
644 Secretary of the State. Such nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or
645 disqualification shall include a statement setting forth the reason for
646 such vacancy. If at the time such nomination is certified to the Secretary
647 of the State or to the municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have
648 already been printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal
649 clerk in each municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with
650 the nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers
651 to be affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has
652 died, withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any
653 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as
654 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank
655 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

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

658 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-
659 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a
660 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed
661 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the
662 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
663 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for
664 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
665 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such
666 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner

667 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,
 668 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed
 669 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one
 670 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a
 671 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so
 672 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of
 673 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names
 674 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the
 675 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of
 676 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town
 677 committee members to be elected by such party either in the
 678 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no
 679 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed
 680 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully
 681 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in
 682 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other
 683 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a
 684 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
 685 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
 686 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position
 687 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot
 688 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining
 689 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate
 690 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the
 691 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
 692 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or
 693 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and
 694 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to
 695 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent
 696 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no
 697 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

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

700 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for

701 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four
702 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
703 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day
704 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from
705 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or
706 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the
707 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such
708 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for
709 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the
710 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to
711 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so
712 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior
713 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting
714 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate
715 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such
716 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to
717 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such
718 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed
719 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such
720 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within
721 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been
722 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position
723 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the
724 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such
725 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so
726 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement
727 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made
728 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the
729 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
730 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have
731 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the
732 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling
733 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the
734 opening of the polls at such primary.

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

737 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
738 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of
739 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,
740 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been
741 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-
742 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates
743 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated
744 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,
745 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to
746 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

747 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
748 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
749 *1, 2024*):

750 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
751 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
752 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
753 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of
754 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to
755 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices
756 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of
757 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,
758 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

759 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is
760 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
761 *2023*):

762 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

763 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,
764 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the
765 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be

766 open;

767 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each
768 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for
769 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of
770 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,
771 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
772 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state
773 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact
774 information" means any or all of the following information received by
775 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties
776 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing
777 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address
778 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a
779 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President
780 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress
781 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election
782 Commission's web site;

783 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
784 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
785 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state
786 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of
787 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state
788 congressional districts;

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

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

791 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

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

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

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

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

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

800 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State shall
801 develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to
802 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at regular
803 elections and primaries and provide information to the public
804 concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the number
805 of days of early voting prior to an election or primary, the hours for early
806 voting during such days and the procedures for casting a ballot at
807 locations designated for the conduct of early voting.

808 Sec. 19. Section 9-235e of the general statutes is repealed and the
809 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

810 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the
811 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling
812 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the
813 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
814 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or
815 location and any recanvass for compliance with state and federal law. If
816 the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or primary at
817 a polling place, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling
818 place pursuant to the provisions of this section.

819 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is
820 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
821 *2023*):

822 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
823 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,
824 except conduct early voting, by entering into an agreement pursuant to
825 this section. Any such agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain
826 all provisions upon which each participating municipality agrees. Any

827 such agreement shall establish a process for amendment of, termination
828 of and withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall
829 be submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality
830 for a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each
831 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public
832 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing
833 an opportunity for public comment does not require a legislative body
834 to conduct a public hearing.

835 Sec. 21. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
836 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
837 *2023*):

838 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
839 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
840 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
841 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they
842 voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during
843 the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee
844 ballot.

845 Sec. 22. Subsection (y) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
846 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

847 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
848 means the day which is the [seventh] fourteenth day prior to an election.

849 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes are
850 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
851 *2023*):

852 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day that
853 a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
854 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of each
855 regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall hold
856 sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found
857 qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section. Such

858 sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours indicated,
859 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	<u>[Seventh] Fourteenth</u> day	
T6	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

866 Sec. 24. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is
867 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
868 *2023*):

869 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
870 section after the [seventh] fourteenth day before an election or after the
871 [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall
872 not attach until the day after such election or primary, as the case may
873 be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such applicant,
874 either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the
875 effect of such late received application and any applicable deadline for
876 applying for admission in person.

877 Sec. 25. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
878 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
879 *1, 2023*):

880 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of
881 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the

882 application and review the application to determine whether the
883 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
884 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on
885 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,
886 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date
887 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to
888 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not
889 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,
890 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall
891 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the
892 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally
893 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has
894 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be
895 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during
896 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and
897 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of
898 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning
899 on the twentieth day before such election and ending on the [seventh]
900 fourteenth day before such election, (ii) during the period beginning on
901 the [sixth] thirteenth day before an election and ending on election day
902 if the application has been received by the [seventh] fourteenth day
903 before an election by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
904 registration agency, (iii) during the period beginning on the twenty-first
905 day before a primary and ending on the [fifth] fourteenth day before a
906 primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the [fourth] thirteenth
907 day before a primary and ending at twelve o'clock noon on the last
908 weekday before a primary, if the application has been postmarked by
909 the [fifth] fourteenth day before the primary and is received in the office
910 of the registrars of voters during such period or if the application is
911 received by the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary by the
912 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, and
913 (C) within ten days of receipt of an application at any other time. A
914 notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail with instructions on
915 the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown
916 on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall indicate the effective date

917 of the applicant's registration and enrollment, the date of the next
918 regularly scheduled election or primary in which the applicant shall be
919 eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and polling place. If a notice
920 of acceptance of an application is returned undelivered, the registrars
921 shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35
922 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35. An
923 applicant for admission as an elector pursuant to this section and section
924 9-23h may only be admitted as an elector by a registrar of voters of the
925 town of his residence. Not later than December thirty-first, annually, the
926 Secretary of the State shall establish an official calendar of all deadlines
927 set forth in this subsection for regularly scheduled elections and
928 primaries to be held in the following calendar year.

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

933 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed
934 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the
935 office of the registrars of voters, after the [seventh] fourteenth day before
936 an election or after the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary, the
937 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such election
938 or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters
939 may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to
940 inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in
941 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in
942 person.

943 (3) If an application is received after the [seventh] fourteenth day
944 before an election or after the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary by
945 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency,
946 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
947 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
948 whichever is later.

949 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
 950 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
 951 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
 952 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
 953 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
 954 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
 955 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
 956 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
 957 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
 958 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
 959 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
 960 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
 961 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)
 962 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

963 Sec. 26. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the
 964 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 965 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

966 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
 967 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of
 968 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
 969 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
 970 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
 971 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
 972 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such
 973 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at
 974 elections and primaries. Any registrar who fails to satisfy such annual
 975 training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of the State to
 976 take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-174

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-174a(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-19j
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-225(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-226(a)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-255a(a) to (c)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-373a
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-224b(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-329b
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-460
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-426
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-428
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-429
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-55(b)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-4a(b)
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-235e
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-6c(a)
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-50b(c)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-1(y)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-17(a)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-19k(f)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-23g(c) and (d)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	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, (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.]