



General Assembly

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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) (1) Any eligible elector may
2 vote prior to the day of a regular election or primary, in accordance with
3 the provisions of this section, during a period of early voting at each
4 such regular election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each primary
5 held on or after January 1, 2024. Such period of early voting shall (A)
6 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2 of the general statutes,
7 commence on the eleventh day prior to and conclude on the second day
8 prior to such regular election or primary, and (B) consist of ten total
9 days, at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
10 section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

11 (2) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a special election,
12 in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a period of
13 early voting at each such special election held on or after January 1, 2024.
14 Such period of early voting shall (A) notwithstanding the provisions of
15 section 9-2 of the general statutes, commence on the fifth day prior to
16 and conclude on the second day prior to such special election, and (B)
17 consist of four total days, at such times as provided in subdivision (2) of

18 subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this
19 act.

20 (b) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a
21 location for the conduct of early voting, which location shall be the same
22 for the duration of the period of early voting except as otherwise
23 specified in this subdivision, provided (A) the registrars of voters have
24 access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such
25 location, and (B) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of
26 the State not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the day of a
27 regular election or primary, or not later than twenty days prior to the
28 day of a special election. The written certification under subparagraph
29 (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i) the name, street address and
30 relevant contact information associated with such location, (ii) the
31 number of election or primary officials who shall be appointed by the
32 registrars of voters to serve at such location and the roles of such
33 officials, and (iii) a description of the design of such location and a plan
34 for effective conduct of such early voting. The Secretary shall approve
35 or disapprove such written certification not later than ninety days prior
36 to the day of a regular election or primary, or not later than fifteen days
37 prior to the day of a special election. If the Secretary disapproves such
38 certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such
39 disapproval and shall issue an order for such corrective action as the
40 Secretary deems necessary, including, but not limited to, the
41 appointment of additional election or primary officials or the alteration
42 of such design or plan. After having received approval of such
43 certification or having complied with any order for corrective action to
44 the Secretary's satisfaction, as applicable, the registrars of voters shall
45 determine the site of such location designated for the conduct of early
46 voting at least thirty-one days prior to a regular election or primary, or
47 at least eleven days prior to a special election. Such location shall not be
48 changed within such period, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars
49 of voters unanimously find that such location has been rendered
50 unusable within such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith
51 designate another location for the conduct of early voting to be used in

52 place of the location so rendered unusable and shall give adequate
53 notice that such location has been so changed. The provisions of sections
54 9-168d and 9-168e of the general statutes shall apply to such location
55 designated for the conduct of early voting.

56 (2) In any municipality with a population of at least twenty thousand,
57 the registrars of voters shall hold a public hearing on whether to
58 designate any additional location in such municipality for the conduct
59 of early voting, which hearing shall be held not later than fifteen days
60 prior to the time for designating any such location set forth in
61 subdivision (1) of this subsection. The registrars shall properly notice
62 such public hearing not later than ten days prior to such public hearing
63 in a newspaper having general circulation in such municipality and on
64 the Internet web site of the municipality. Not later than three days after
65 the conclusion of such public hearing, the registrars shall determine
66 whether to designate any such additional location and shall notify the
67 Secretary of the State of such determination. If the registrars determine
68 that any such additional location be designated, the provisions of
69 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
70 location. If the registrars determine that no additional location be
71 designated, such registrars shall include in such notification to the
72 Secretary a detailed explanation for such determination. For the
73 purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the estimated number
74 of people according to the most recent version of the State Register and
75 Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

76 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election or primary
77 official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection any of
78 the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of
79 voters shall supervise each such official and train each such official to be
80 an early voting election or primary official.

81 (c) Any elector who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at
82 an election or primary, and is eligible to so vote at such election or
83 primary, shall (1) appear in person at such times as provided in
84 subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this

85 act, at the location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting,
86 (2) identify such elector as required by subsection (a) of section 9-261 of
87 the general statutes, and (3) declare under oath that such elector has not
88 previously voted in such election or primary, as provided in subsection
89 (e) of this section.

90 (d) If the registrars of voters determine that an elector is eligible to
91 vote in the election or primary, the registrars of voters shall check the
92 state-wide centralized voter registration system before allowing such
93 elector to cast an early voting ballot as provided in subsection (e) of this
94 section.

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

98 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the elector has already
99 voted, such elector shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be
100 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if
101 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported
102 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an
103 investigation of the matter.

104 (e) If the elector is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall
105 provide such elector with an early voting ballot and early voting
106 envelope and shall make a record of such issuance. The elector shall
107 complete an affirmation printed upon the back of the early voting
108 envelope and shall declare under oath that the elector has not previously
109 voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially
110 as follows and signed by the elector:

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

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

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

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

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

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

120 (Signature of voter)

121 (f) The elector shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the
122 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars
123 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The
124 elector shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot
125 envelope provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting
126 ballot depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the
127 early voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such
128 receptacle containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal
129 clerk, who shall retain such ballots, if necessary, in the fire-resistive
130 vault or safe provided for in section 7-27 of the general statutes, until
131 delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on the day of the
132 election or primary for the purpose of counting such ballots. A section
133 of the head moderator's return shall show the number of early voting
134 ballots received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy
135 of the vote tally for early voting ballots in a depository envelope with
136 the early voting ballots and store such early voting depository envelope
137 with the other election or primary results materials. The early voting
138 depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the
139 period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections or
140 primaries.

141 (g) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of title 9
142 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted under said title
143 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
144 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control
145 and counting of early voting ballots under this section.

146 (h) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any
147 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
148 submitted at the election or primary, or loiter or peddle or offer any
149 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
150 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any
151 location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting or in any
152 corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside
153 entrance to any such location or in any room opening upon any such
154 corridor, passageway or approach.

155 (i) The provisions of subsections (a) to (h), inclusive, of this section
156 shall not apply to any primary held for the purpose of choosing town
157 committee members.

158 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots received
159 by the municipal clerk prior to the day of an election or primary, and
160 same-day election or same-day primary registration ballots received by
161 the municipal clerk prior to the day of a regular election or primary,
162 shall be delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars between six
163 o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the election or primary.

164 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day
165 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the
166 central counting location or to the respective polling places when
167 counting is to take place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a of
168 the general statutes at the time, between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock
169 a.m. on the day of the election or primary, designated by the registrars
170 of voters. At the time such ballots are delivered to the ballot counters
171 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the ballot counters shall
172 perform any checking of such ballots and proceed, as nearly as possible,
173 as provided in section 9-150a of the general statutes.

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

176 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any

177 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
178 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in
179 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election
180 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.
181 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour
182 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector
183 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the
184 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the
185 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow
186 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
187 line.

188 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
189 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
190 at any regular election, each location designated for [election day] same-
191 day election or same-day primary registration pursuant to subsection
192 (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall, on election day or
193 primary day, as those terms are defined in said section, remain open for
194 [election day] registration and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight
195 o'clock p.m. No applicant for [election day] same-day election or same-
196 day primary registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to
197 cast such applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the
198 location designated for such purposes [in any regular] on election day
199 or primary day unless such applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An
200 election or primary official or a police officer of the municipality, who is
201 appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the
202 line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow any
203 applicants who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
204 line.

205 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
206 special act or municipal charter, at any regular election held on or after
207 July 1, 2023, and at any primary held on or after January 1, 2024, each
208 location designated for the conduct of early voting pursuant to
209 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act or for same-day election or same-

210 day primary registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as
211 amended by this act, shall, during the early voting period, remain open
212 from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such location shall
213 remain open from eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m. on the last
214 Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election or primary.

215 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
216 special act or municipal charter, at any special election held on or after
217 January 1, 2024, each location designated for the conduct of early voting
218 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act shall, during the early
219 voting period, remain open from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m.

220 (3) No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the
221 hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early
222 voting at such election or primary unless such elector is in line at such
223 prescribed hour. An election or primary official or a police officer of the
224 municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be
225 placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour. Such official or
226 officer shall not allow any electors who were not in such line at such
227 prescribed hour to enter such line.

228 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is
229 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
230 *2023*):

231 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with
232 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for
233 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,
234 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this
235 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such
236 primaries and special elections held on or after January 1, 2024. Such
237 plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) solutions for ballot or
238 envelope shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in the event of (A) a
239 shortage or absence of [poll workers] election, primary or referendum
240 officials at the polling place or the location designated for early voting,
241 as applicable, (B) a loss of power, (C) a fire or the sounding of an alarm

242 within a polling place or a location designated for early voting, (D)
243 voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural disaster, (F)
244 the need to remove [a poll worker or moderator] an election, primary or
245 referendum official and to replace such [worker or moderator] official,
246 and (G) disorder in and around the polling place or the location
247 designated for early voting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

263 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
264 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
265 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
266 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
267 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
268 of section 9-12, may apply for [admission as an elector on election day]
269 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration
270 pursuant to the provisions [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this
271 section.

272 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
273 completion and processing of [election day registration applications on
274 election day] same-day election registrations and same-day primary
275 registrations, provided (A) the registrars of voters [shall] have access to
276 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
277 and (B) such location [shall be] is certified in writing to the Secretary of
278 the State not later than [~~thirty-one~~] forty-one days before election day or
279 primary day. The written certification under subparagraph (B) of this
280 subdivision shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant
281 contact information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and
282 address of each election official or primary official who shall be
283 appointed by the registrars of voters to serve at such location, if any, and
284 (iii) provide a description of the design of such location and a plan for
285 effective completion and processing of such applications. The Secretary
286 shall approve or disapprove such written certification not later than
287 [~~fifteen~~] twenty-five days before election day or primary day and may
288 require the registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional
289 election officials or primary officials or alter such design or plan.

290 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
291 later than [~~sixty~~] seventy days before election day or primary day, in a
292 form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
293 additional location for the completion and processing of [election day]
294 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [on
295 election day.] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
296 application not later than [~~forty-five~~] fifty-five days before election day
297 or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars
298 of voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions
299 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
300 location.

301 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official or
302 primary official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
303 [if any,] any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
304 The registrars of voters shall supervise each such election official or

305 primary official and train each such [election] official to be [an election
306 day registration election] a same-day election or same-day primary
307 registration official.

308 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day
309 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of
310 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in
311 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on
312 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not
313 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
314 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars
315 of voters for [election day registration] same-day election or same-day
316 primary registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to
317 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such
318 times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174, as
319 amended by this act, at such location, (2) an applicant who is a student
320 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current
321 photo identification card issued by such institution in lieu of the
322 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall
323 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
324 election or primary, as provided in subsection (f) of this section. If the
325 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20
326 and [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this section does not include
327 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also
328 submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence
329 address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under
330 section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current
331 address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after
332 the election or primary or, in the case of a student enrolled at an
333 institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such
334 institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

335 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
336 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
337 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter

338 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector or
339 enrolling such applicant in a political party holding a primary.

340 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
341 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
342 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.
343 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters
344 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,
345 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party
346 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of
347 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

348 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
349 elector in another municipality and such applicant [states that he or she]
350 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
351 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
352 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
353 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
354 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
355 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
356 the election officials or primary officials in such municipality to remove
357 such elector from the official voter list and, if applicable, any enrollment
358 list of such municipality. Such election officials or primary officials shall
359 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and, if
360 applicable, enrollment list and mark "off" next to such elector's name on
361 any such [official voter] list.

362 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
363 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
364 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
365 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
366 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary
367 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in
368 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the
369 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
370 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks

371 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters
372 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
373 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot
374 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections
375 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
376 matter.

377 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
378 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
379 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
380 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the
381 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the
382 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's
383 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach
384 immediately.

385 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
386 shall provide the elector with [an election day] a same-day election or
387 same-day primary registration ballot and [election day] same-day
388 election or same-day primary registration envelope and shall make a
389 record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation
390 imprinted upon the back of the same-day election or same-day primary
391 registration envelope [for an election day registration ballot] and shall
392 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
393 election or primary. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as
394 follows and signed by the voter:

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

- 397 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 398 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today
399 in the town indicated.
- 400 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
401 complete.

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

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

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

408 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election
409 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an
410 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary
411 registration ballot.

412 (Signature of voter)

413 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day
414 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the
415 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall
416 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day
417 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the
418 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
419 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
420 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
421 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
422 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
423 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
424 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary
425 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots,
426 if necessary, in the fire-resistive vault or safe provided for in section 7-
427 27, until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election
428 day or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election
429 day or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters
430 and noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of
431 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day]
432 same-day election or same-day primary registration ballots received on

433 such election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,
434 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
435 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
436 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary
437 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
438 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-
439 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from
440 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for
441 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
442 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day
443 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such
444 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
445 depository envelope with the other election or primary results
446 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
447 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
448 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
449 elections.

450 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of
451 [the general statutes and regulations] title 9 and any regulation adopted
452 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control
453 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the
454 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or
455 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),
456 inclusive, of] this section.

457 (i) After the acceptance of [an election day] a same-day election or
458 same-day primary registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith
459 send a registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each
460 applicant who [is] was admitted as an elector on election day [under
461 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] or during the period of early voting
462 prior to election day, or who was enrolled in a political party holding a
463 primary on primary day or during the period of early voting prior to
464 primary day, under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first
465 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not

466 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
467 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the
468 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,
469 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

470 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the
471 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in] any candidate or on
472 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the
473 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or
474 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any
475 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the
476 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day
477 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other
478 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location
479 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
480 approach.

481 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
482 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
483 *2023*):

484 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
485 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
486 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
487 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
488 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in
489 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
490 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
491 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such
492 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen
493 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
494 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in
495 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location
496 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting
497 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,
498 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for

499 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the
500 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early
501 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record
502 each such warning.

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

508 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is
509 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
510 *2023*):

511 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
512 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection
513 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town
514 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper
515 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such
516 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
517 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
518 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be
519 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the
520 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town
521 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of
522 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in
523 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
524 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site of
525 each location designated for [election day] same-day election
526 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for
527 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record
528 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
529 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a
530 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or
531 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen

532 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
533 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of
534 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within
535 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
536 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
537 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the
538 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and
539 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
540 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site
541 of each location designated for [election day registration] same-day
542 election registration in such city or borough, and (IV) the time and the
543 site of each location designated for the conduct of early voting in such
544 city or borough.

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

548 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each
549 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State
550 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have
551 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such
552 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number
553 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in
554 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held
555 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary or special election held on
556 or after January 1, 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided
557 by the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,
558 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each such polling place or
559 location, as applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or
560 primaries of similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The
561 registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such
562 certification any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such
563 polling place or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be
564 provided to the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the

565 commencement of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-
566 one days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at a
567 primary.

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

573 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to
574 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections
575 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the
576 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before
577 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the
578 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at
579 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such
580 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the
581 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a
582 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

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

585 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district
586 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his
587 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the
588 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and
589 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of
590 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary
591 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of
592 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a
593 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall
594 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be
595 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election
596 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on

597 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early
598 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person
599 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating
600 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the
601 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy
602 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of
603 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in
604 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town
605 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more
606 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town
607 not later than the last business day preceding the commencement of the
608 period of early voting at such election. A person may register as a write-
609 in candidate for a district or municipal office if such person's name
610 appears on the last-completed registry list of the district or municipality
611 represented by such office, as the case may be. A person may register as
612 a write-in candidate for a state office if such person's name appears on
613 the last-completed registry list of the state.

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

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

624 (b) In order to be a valid write-in candidate in a special election called
625 to fill a vacancy in the municipal office of town meeting member in any
626 town having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or
627 more members, a person shall register with the town clerk of such town
628 not earlier than ninety days preceding such election and not later than
629 the last business day preceding the commencement of the period of

630 early voting at the election.

631 Sec. 11. Section 9-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the
632 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

633 (a) At any time prior to a primary held before January 1, 2024, and
634 pursuant to sections 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to
635 any regular election held before July 1, 2023, or any special election held
636 before January 1, 2024, the Superior Court may issue an order removing
637 a candidate from a ballot where it is shown that [said] such candidate is
638 improperly on the ballot.

639 (b) At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early
640 voting at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to
641 sections 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the
642 commencement of the period of early voting at any regular election held
643 on or after July 1, 2023, or at any special election held on or after January
644 1, 2024, the Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate
645 from a ballot where it is shown that such candidate is improperly on the
646 ballot.

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

649 If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after
650 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot
651 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in
652 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee
653 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on
654 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,
655 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified
656 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such
657 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation
658 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for
659 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another
660 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not

661 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a
662 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no
663 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this
664 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed
665 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the
666 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator
667 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in
668 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state
669 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the
670 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No
671 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is
672 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office
673 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or
674 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state
675 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee
676 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of
677 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this
678 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days before the election, but
679 prior to twenty-four hours before the [opening of the polls on the day
680 of] commencement of the period of early voting at the election for which
681 such nomination has been made, the vacancy may be filled in the
682 manner prescribed in this section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before
683 the [election] first day of such period of early voting with the municipal
684 clerk or the Secretary of the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies
685 within twenty-four hours before the [opening of the polls]
686 commencement of the period of early voting at the election and prior to
687 the close of the polls on the day of the election for which such
688 nomination has been made, such nominee shall not be replaced and the
689 votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed and counted, and if such
690 nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast, a vacancy shall exist in the
691 office for which the nomination was made. The vacancy shall then be
692 filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy of such certification to the
693 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. Such
694 nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or disqualification shall
695 include a statement setting forth the reason for such vacancy. If at the

696 time such nomination is certified to the Secretary of the State or to the
697 municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have already been
698 printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal clerk in each
699 municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with the
700 nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers to be
701 affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has died,
702 withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any
703 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as
704 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank
705 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

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

708 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-
709 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a
710 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed
711 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the
712 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
713 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for
714 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
715 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such
716 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner
717 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,
718 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed
719 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one
720 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a
721 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so
722 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of
723 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names
724 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the
725 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of
726 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town
727 committee members to be elected by such party either in the
728 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no

729 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed
730 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully
731 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in
732 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other
733 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a
734 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
735 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
736 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position
737 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot
738 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining
739 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate
740 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the
741 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
742 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or
743 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and
744 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to
745 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent
746 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no
747 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

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

750 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for
751 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four
752 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
753 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day
754 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from
755 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or
756 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the
757 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such
758 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for
759 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the
760 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to
761 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so

762 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior
763 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting
764 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate
765 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such
766 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to
767 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such
768 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed
769 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such
770 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within
771 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been
772 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position
773 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the
774 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such
775 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so
776 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement
777 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made
778 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the
779 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
780 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have
781 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the
782 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling
783 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the
784 opening of the polls at such primary.

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

787 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
788 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of
789 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,
790 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been
791 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-
792 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates
793 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated
794 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,

795 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to
796 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

797 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
798 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
799 *1, 2024*):

800 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
801 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
802 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
803 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of
804 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to
805 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices
806 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of
807 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,
808 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

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

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

815 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is
816 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
817 *2023*):

818 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

819 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,
820 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the
821 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be
822 open;

823 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each

824 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for
825 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of
826 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,
827 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
828 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state
829 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact
830 information" means any or all of the following information received by
831 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties
832 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing
833 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address
834 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a
835 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President
836 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress
837 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election
838 Commission's web site;

839 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
840 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
841 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state
842 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of
843 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state
844 congressional districts;

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

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

847 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

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

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

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

852 (10) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such

853 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office of
854 Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a; and

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

856 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State
857 shall develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to
858 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at regular
859 elections and primaries and provide information to the public
860 concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the number
861 of days of early voting prior to an election or primary, the hours for early
862 voting during such days and the procedures for casting a ballot at
863 locations designated for the conduct of early voting.

864 (b) The Secretary of the State shall develop an early voting procedure
865 manual, which shall include, but need not be limited to, a model plan
866 for the designation and staffing of locations for the conduct of early
867 voting, and shall revise such procedure manual as necessary in
868 accordance with changes in the law relating to the conduct of early
869 voting. The Secretary shall distribute such procedure manual, and any
870 revision to such procedure manual, to each registrar of voters and
871 municipal clerk and shall publish such procedure manual, and any such
872 revision, on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the
873 State.

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

876 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the
877 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling
878 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the
879 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
880 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or
881 location and any such recanvass for compliance with state and federal
882 law. If the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or
883 primary at a polling place or location designated for the conduct of early

884 voting, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling place or
885 location pursuant to the provisions of this section.

886 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is
887 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
888 *2023*):

889 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
890 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,
891 except conduct early voting pursuant to section 1 of this act, by entering
892 into an agreement pursuant to this section. Any such agreement shall be
893 negotiated and shall contain all provisions upon which each
894 participating municipality agrees. Any such agreement shall establish a
895 process for amendment of, termination of and withdrawal from such
896 agreement. Any proposed agreement shall be submitted to the
897 legislative body of each participating municipality for a vote to ratify or
898 reject such agreement. The legislative body of each participating
899 municipality shall provide an opportunity for public comment prior to
900 any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing an opportunity
901 for public comment does not require a legislative body to conduct a
902 public hearing.

903 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
904 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
905 *2023*):

906 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
907 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
908 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
909 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they
910 voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during
911 the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee
912 ballot.

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

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

917 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes are
918 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
919 *2023*):

920 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day that
921 a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
922 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of each
923 regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall hold
924 sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found
925 qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section. Such
926 sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours indicated,
927 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>Fourteenth</u> day	
T6	before election day	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

934 Sec. 25. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is
935 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
936 *2023*):

937 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
938 section after the [seventh] fourteenth day before an election or after the

939 [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall
940 not attach until the day after such election or primary, as the case may
941 be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such applicant,
942 either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the
943 effect of such late received application and any applicable deadline for
944 applying for admission in person.

945 Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
946 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
947 *1, 2023*):

948 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of
949 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
950 application and review the application to determine whether the
951 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
952 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on
953 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,
954 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date
955 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to
956 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not
957 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,
958 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall
959 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the
960 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally
961 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has
962 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be
963 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during
964 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and
965 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of
966 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning
967 on the [twentieth] twenty-seventh day before such election and ending
968 on the [seventh] fourteenth day before such election, (ii) during the
969 period beginning on the [sixth] thirteenth day before an election and
970 ending on election day if the application has been received by the
971 [seventh] fourteenth day before an election by the Commissioner of

972 Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, (iii) during the period
973 beginning on the [twenty-first] thirtieth day before a primary and
974 ending on the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary, or (iv) during the
975 period beginning on the [fourth] thirteenth day before a primary and
976 ending at twelve o'clock noon on the last weekday before a primary, if
977 the application has been postmarked by the [fifth] fourteenth day before
978 the primary and is received in the office of the registrars of voters during
979 such period or if the application is received by the [fifth] fourteenth day
980 before a primary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
981 registration agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an application
982 at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail
983 with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable
984 at the address shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall
985 indicate the effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment,
986 the date of the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the
987 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and
988 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned
989 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
990 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first
991 deadline in section 9-35. An applicant for admission as an elector
992 pursuant to this section and section 9-23h may only be admitted as an
993 elector by a registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not later
994 than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State shall
995 establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this subsection
996 for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held in the
997 following calendar year.

998 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the privileges
999 of an elector for any applicant for admission under this section and
1000 section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by the registrar,
1001 and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

1002 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed
1003 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the
1004 office of the registrars of voters, after the [seventh] fourteenth day before

1005 an election or after the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary, the
1006 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such election
1007 or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters
1008 may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to
1009 inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in
1010 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in
1011 person.

1012 (3) If an application is received after the [seventh] fourteenth day
1013 before an election or after the [fifth] fourteenth day before a primary by
1014 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency,
1015 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
1016 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
1017 whichever is later.

1018 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
1019 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
1020 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
1021 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
1022 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
1023 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
1024 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
1025 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
1026 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
1027 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
1028 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
1029 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
1030 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)
1031 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

1032 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the
1033 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1034 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1035 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
1036 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of

1037 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
1038 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
1039 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
1040 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
1041 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such
1042 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at
1043 elections and primaries. Any registrar who fails to satisfy such annual
1044 training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of the State to
1045 take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

1046 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 9-320f of the general statutes is
1047 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1048 *2023*):

1049 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary and
1050 not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the
1051 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or
1052 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal election
1053 or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct a manual audit or, for
1054 an election or primary held on or after January 1, 2016, an electronic
1055 audit authorized under section 9-320g of the votes recorded in not less
1056 than five per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or
1057 municipality, whichever is applicable. For the purposes of this section,
1058 any central location used in a municipality for the counting of absentee
1059 ballots, early voting ballots or same-day election or same-day primary
1060 registration ballots shall be deemed a voting district. Such manual or
1061 electronic audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public
1062 observation. Any election official who participates in the administration
1063 and conduct of an audit pursuant to this section shall be compensated
1064 by the municipality at the standard rate of pay established by such
1065 municipality for elections or primaries, as the case may be.

1066 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is
1067 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1068 *2023*):

1069 (a) The registrars of voters in the several towns and, in towns where
1070 there are different registrars for different voting districts, the registrars
1071 of voters in such districts shall appoint the moderators of regular and
1072 special state and municipal elections in their respective towns or
1073 districts. For the purpose of providing a reserve group of persons who
1074 may serve as moderators, the registrars shall designate alternate
1075 moderators from among those persons chosen as official checkers, or
1076 tabulator tenders, in the following minimum numbers: In towns with
1077 one or more but not exceeding three voting districts, one alternate
1078 moderator; in towns with four or more but not exceeding eight voting
1079 districts, two alternate moderators; in towns with more than eight
1080 voting districts, a number of alternate moderators equal to one-fourth
1081 of the number of voting districts rounded off to the nearest multiple of
1082 four. In case the registrars fail to agree in the choice of a moderator or
1083 alternate moderator, the choice shall be determined between such
1084 registrars by lot. In the case of a primary, the registrar, as defined in
1085 section 9-372, shall so appoint such moderators and alternate
1086 moderators. Moderators and alternate moderators shall be appointed at
1087 least twenty days before the commencement of the period of early
1088 voting at such election or primary. The registrars shall submit a list of
1089 the names of such moderators and alternate moderators to the
1090 municipal clerk, which list shall be made available for public inspection
1091 by such clerk. Each person appointed to serve as moderator or alternate
1092 moderator shall be certified by the Secretary of the State in accordance
1093 with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, except as provided
1094 in subsection (d) of this section or section 9-436.

1095 Sec. 30. Section 9-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1096 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1097 The registrars of voters of each municipality shall, not less than ten
1098 days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at an
1099 election, file with the Secretary of the State a sample ballot identical with
1100 those to be provided for each polling place under section 9-255. The
1101 Secretary of the State shall examine the sample ballot required to be filed

1102 under this section, and if such sample ballot contains an error, the
1103 Secretary of the State shall order the registrars of voters to reprint a
1104 corrected sample ballot or to take other such action as the Secretary may
1105 deem appropriate.

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	from passage	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)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2023	9-320f(a)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2023	9-229(a)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2023	9-256

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a)(1)(B), "subdivision (1) of" was added for accuracy; in Section 1(a)(2), "voter" was changed to "elector" for consistency, and "subdivision (2) of" was added in Subpara. (B) for accuracy; in Section 1(b)(1), "before" was changed to "prior to" for consistency, and Subpara. (B)(ii) was rewritten for internal consistency and clarity; in Section 1(b)(3), "section" was changed to "subsection" for accuracy; Section 2(a) was rewritten for internal consistency; in Section 3, references to "same-day election or same-day primary registration" were added in Subsecs. (b) and (c)(1) for internal consistency; in Section 5(a)(3), "an election" was changed to "a regular election" for internal consistency; Section 5(c)(1)(B)(ii) was rewritten for internal consistency and clarity; in Section 5(d), "subsection (c) of section 9-174" was changed to "subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174" for accuracy; in Section 5(e)(2), "or primary officials" was added for consistency; in Section 5(g), "if necessary, in the fire-resistive vault or safe provided for in section 7-27" was added for internal consistency; in Section 7(a)(2)(D)(ii)(III), "in such city or borough" was added for consistency; in Section 20, references to "location designated for the conduct of early voting" were added for consistency; in Section 21, "pursuant to section 1 of this act" was added for accuracy; and in Section 28, "same-day registration" was changed to "same-day election or same-day primary registration" for consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*