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AND ELECTIONS

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO EARLY VOTING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-163aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) (1) (A) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a regular  
4 election, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a  
5 period of early voting at each regular election held on or after April 1,  
6 2024.

7 (B) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) of this  
8 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,  
9 commence on the fifteenth day prior to and conclude on the second day  
10 prior to such regular election, and (ii) consist of such days between and  
11 inclusive of such commencement and conclusion, except any legal  
12 holiday designated, appointed or recommended under section 1-4, and  
13 at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section  
14 9-174.

15 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection,  
16 any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a primary, other than a  
17 presidential preference primary, in accordance with the provisions of  
18 this section, during a period of early voting at each primary, other than  
19 a presidential preference primary, held on or after April 1, 2024.

20 (B) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) of this  
21 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,  
22 commence on the eighth day prior to and conclude on the second day  
23 prior to such primary, other than a presidential preference primary, and  
24 (ii) consist of such days between and inclusive of such commencement  
25 and conclusion, except any legal holiday designated, appointed or  
26 recommended under section 1-4, and at such times as provided in  
27 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174.

28 (3) (A) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a special  
29 election, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a  
30 period of early voting at each special election held on or after April 1,  
31 2024.

32 (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, any  
33 eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a presidential preference  
34 primary, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a  
35 period of early voting at each presidential preference primary held on  
36 or after April 1, 2024.

37 (C) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this  
38 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,  
39 commence on the fifth day prior to and conclude on the second day  
40 prior to such special election or such presidential preference primary,  
41 except that such commencing and concluding days shall be adjusted to  
42 exclude from such period March 31, 2024, and any legal holiday  
43 designated, appointed or recommended under section 1-4, and (ii)  
44 consist of four total days between and inclusive of such commencement  
45 and conclusion, as may be adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (C)(i) of

46 this subdivision, and at such times as provided in subdivision (2) of  
47 subsection (c) of section 9-174.

48 (4) (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-26,  
49 9-31a, 9-55, 9-56, as amended by this act, and 9-57:

50 (i) In the case of an unaffiliated elector who wishes to vote during the  
51 period of early voting at a primary, such elector shall be eligible to so  
52 vote if such elector's application for enrollment with the political party  
53 holding such primary is filed with the registrars of voters by twelve  
54 o'clock noon on the business day immediately preceding the day on  
55 which such period of early voting commences.

56 (ii) In the case of a person who is not admitted as an elector and who  
57 wishes to vote during the period of early voting at a primary, such  
58 person shall be eligible to so vote if such person's application for  
59 admission as an elector and enrollment with the political party holding  
60 such primary is filed with the registrars of voters by twelve o'clock noon  
61 on the business day immediately preceding the day during such period  
62 of early voting on which such person offers to vote at such primary.

63 (B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an individual  
64 who enrolls in a political party during a period of early voting at a  
65 primary from voting by absentee ballot, if eligible, or in person on the  
66 day of such primary.

67 (b) (1) (A) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate  
68 a location for the conduct of early voting [ , which] but, if the registrars  
69 fail to agree as to such location, the legislative body or, in a municipality  
70 where the legislative body is a town meeting, the board of selectmen,  
71 shall designate such location. Such location shall be the same for the  
72 duration of the period of early voting except as otherwise specified in  
73 this subdivision, provided [(A)] (i) the registrars of voters have access to  
74 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,  
75 and [(B)] (ii) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of the  
76 State, [not later than sixty days prior to the day of an election or a

77 primary.] The written certification under subparagraph [(B)] ~~(A)(ii)~~ of  
78 this subdivision shall be submitted annually by the registrars of voters  
79 to the Secretary not later than February fifteenth, and any change thereto  
80 shall be made and submitted, and approved or disapproved, in  
81 accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.  
82 Such written certification shall provide [(i)] (I) the name, street address  
83 and relevant contact information associated with such location, [(ii)] (II)  
84 the number of election or primary officials to be appointed by the  
85 registrars of voters to serve at such location and the roles of such  
86 officials, and [(iii)] (III) a description of the design of such location and  
87 a plan for effective conduct of such early voting, and shall include the  
88 information required for same-day election registration under  
89 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act.  
90 The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written certification  
91 annually not later than [forty-five days prior to the day of an election or  
92 a primary] March first. If the Secretary disapproves such certification,  
93 the Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such disapproval  
94 and shall issue an order for such corrective action as the Secretary deems  
95 necessary, including, but not limited to, the appointment of additional  
96 election or primary officials or the alteration of such design or plan.  
97 After having received approval of such certification or having complied  
98 with any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as  
99 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such  
100 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one  
101 days prior to an election or a primary. Such location shall not be changed  
102 within such period, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters  
103 unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable within  
104 such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate another  
105 location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of the location  
106 so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such location  
107 has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d and 9-168e shall  
108 apply to such location designated for the conduct of early voting.

109 (B) If, after the registrars of voters annually submit the written

110 certification under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the registrars  
111 make any change to any part of such written certification, such registrars  
112 shall submit to the Secretary of the State an updated written  
113 certification, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, as soon  
114 as practicable but in no case later than seven days after such change. The  
115 registrars shall clearly indicate on such updated written certification the  
116 information that has changed since the prior submission. The Secretary  
117 shall approve or disapprove such updated written certification as soon  
118 as practicable but in no case later than seven days after submission  
119 thereof. If the Secretary disapproves such updated certification, the  
120 Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such disapproval and  
121 shall issue an order for such corrective action as the Secretary deems  
122 necessary, in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

123 (2) In any municipality with a population of at least twenty thousand,  
124 the legislative body may hold a public hearing on whether to designate  
125 any additional location in such municipality for the conduct of early  
126 voting, which public hearing, if any, shall be held not later than fifteen  
127 days prior to the time for designating any such location set forth in  
128 subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any legislative body holding such a  
129 public hearing shall properly notice such public hearing not later than  
130 ten days prior to such public hearing in a newspaper having general  
131 circulation in such municipality and on the Internet web site of the  
132 municipality. For any such municipality in which such a public hearing  
133 was not held, the legislative body thereof shall determine whether to  
134 designate any such additional location and shall notify the Secretary of  
135 the State with a detailed explanation for such determination. For any  
136 municipality in which such a public hearing was held, not later than  
137 three days after the conclusion of such public hearing, the legislative  
138 body thereof shall determine whether to designate any such additional  
139 location and shall notify the Secretary with a detailed explanation for  
140 such determination. If the legislative body determines that any such  
141 additional location be designated, the registrars of voters shall so  
142 designate such additional location and the provisions of subdivision (1)

143 of this subsection shall apply to such additional location. The Secretary  
144 shall take no action on any detailed explanation submitted under this  
145 subdivision with regard to the number of additional locations  
146 designated in such a municipality, and shall preserve each such detailed  
147 explanation as a public record open to public inspection. For the  
148 purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the estimated number  
149 of people according to the most recent version of the State Register and  
150 Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90.

151 (3) In any municipality containing any campus of a public institution  
152 of higher education with at least one thousand students living in  
153 housing that is on such campus or is owned or operated by, or affiliated  
154 with, such public institution of higher education, the registrars of voters  
155 of such municipality shall designate an additional location in such  
156 municipality for the conduct of early voting and the provisions of  
157 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to such additional location.

158 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) At each location designated for the conduct of early voting,  
159 the registrars of voters shall provide to prospective electors during the  
160 early voting period the opportunity to apply for same-day election  
161 registration, in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 9-19j,  
162 as amended by this act, for such application and for the completion and  
163 processing of any such application.

164 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) (A) The registrars of voters shall appoint, for each day on  
165 which early voting is conducted, a moderator and such other election or  
166 primary officials to serve at each location designated for such conduct.  
167 The moderator so appointed shall perform any duty required, and may  
168 exercise any power authorized, under this title related to the conduct of  
169 early voting at such location. On any such day and solely for purposes  
170 related to the conduct of early voting, the registrars of voters of a  
171 municipality may, upon agreement, appoint one of the registrars from  
172 such municipality as moderator in accordance with the provisions of  
173 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The registrars of voters may  
174 delegate to each other election or primary official so appointed any of

175 the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of  
176 voters shall supervise each such official and train each such official to be  
177 an early voting election or primary official.

178 (B) Whenever the registrars of voters of a municipality appoint,  
179 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, one of the registrars  
180 of such municipality as moderator to serve at a location designated for  
181 the conduct of early voting, such registrars of voters shall jointly submit  
182 to the Secretary of the State (i) a certification that the registrars of voters  
183 of such municipality are in agreement as to such appointment, and (ii)  
184 a written plan detailing alternative coverage of the duties normally  
185 carried out by the registrar so appointed to ensure that such registrar  
186 abstains, on each day in which such registrar serves as moderator, from  
187 any such duties that conflict with those of the moderator.

188 (C) Not later than the fourteenth day preceding the commencement  
189 of the period of early voting, the registrars of voters shall provide to the  
190 Secretary of the State a written report setting forth the name and address  
191 of the moderator appointed to serve at each location designated for the  
192 conduct of early voting pursuant to this subdivision. Such written report  
193 shall be included as part of the written report provided by the registrars  
194 to the Secretary under section 9-228a, as amended by this act.

195 (c) Any elector who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at  
196 an election or primary, and is eligible to so vote at such election or  
197 primary, shall (1) appear in person at such times as provided in  
198 subsection (c) of section 9-174, at the location designated by the  
199 registrars of voters for early voting, (2) identify such elector as required  
200 by subsection (a) of section 9-261, and (3) declare under oath that such  
201 elector has not previously voted in such election or primary, as provided  
202 in subsection (e) of this section.]

203 (d) If the registrars of voters determine that an elector is eligible to  
204 vote in the election or primary, the registrars of voters shall check the  
205 state-wide centralized voter registration system before allowing such

206 elector to cast an early voting ballot as provided in subsection (e) of this  
207 section.

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

211 (2) If the registrars of voters believe that the elector may have already  
212 voted, such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters. After  
213 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter cannot be made  
214 and such elector claims to have neither in fact voted nor offered to vote  
215 in person or by absentee ballot, such elector may request a challenged  
216 ballot in accordance with section 9-232d and may cast such challenged  
217 ballot in accordance with section 9-232e. Such matter shall be reported  
218 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an  
219 investigation of the matter. The provisions of section 9-232f shall apply  
220 to any challenged ballot cast under this subdivision.

221 (e) If the elector is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall  
222 provide such elector with an early voting ballot, [and early voting  
223 envelope and] shall make a record of such issuance, and shall announce  
224 to such elector the voting district in which such elector resides and the  
225 ballot, corresponding to such voting district, that such elector should  
226 properly receive. [The elector shall complete an affirmation printed  
227 upon the back of the early voting envelope and shall declare under oath  
228 that the voter has not previously voted in the election or primary. The  
229 affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and signed by  
230 the voter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

240 .... (Signature of voter)]

241 (f) The elector shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the  
242 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars  
243 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The  
244 elector shall place the early voting ballot [in the early voting ballot  
245 envelope provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting  
246 ballot depository receptacle] into the voting tabulator. At the conclusion  
247 of each day during the early voting period, the registrars of voters shall  
248 [transport such receptacle containing] (1) publicly open the voting  
249 tabulator, secure and seal such day's early voting ballots [to the  
250 municipal clerk, who shall] in a secure receptacle and retain and  
251 securely store such ballots in as near a manner as possible to that for the  
252 retention and secure storage of [absentee] ballots cast at polling places  
253 under section 9-261, as provided in subsection (g) of this section, except  
254 that, if such manner is not practicable, then such early voting ballots  
255 shall be retained and securely stored as provided in an alternate plan  
256 submitted by the registrars of voters to the Secretary of the State and  
257 approved by the Secretary, [. On the day of the election or primary, the  
258 early voting ballots shall be delivered to the registrars of voters for the  
259 purpose of counting such ballots. A section of the head moderator's  
260 return shall show the number of early voting ballots received from  
261 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for  
262 early voting ballots in a depository envelope with the early voting  
263 ballots and store such early voting depository envelope with the other  
264 election or primary results materials. The early voting depository  
265 envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of  
266 time required to preserve counted ballots for elections or primaries] and

267 (2) secure the voting tabulator in a locked area.

268 (g) Except as provided in section 9-163bb, as amended by this act, the  
269 provisions of this title and any regulation adopted under this title  
270 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of  
271 [absentee] ballots cast at polling places under section 9-261 shall apply,  
272 as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and counting of early voting  
273 ballots under this section. A section of the head moderator's return shall  
274 show the number of early voting ballots received from electors.

275 (h) (1) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any  
276 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being  
277 submitted at the election or primary, or loiter or peddle or offer any  
278 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius  
279 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any  
280 building that contains any location designated by the registrars of voters  
281 for early voting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach  
282 leading from any such outside entrance to any such location or in any  
283 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

284 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no person  
285 shall be allowed within any location designated by the registrars of  
286 voters for early voting for any purpose other than casting such person's  
287 vote, except (A) primary officials under section 9-436, (B) election  
288 officials under section 9-258, including (i) a municipal clerk or registrar  
289 of voters, who is a candidate for the same office, and (ii) a deputy  
290 registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the office of registrar of voters,  
291 performing such official's duties, and (C) unofficial checkers under  
292 section 9-235.

293 (3) A person, including any candidate or any campaign or party  
294 employee or volunteer, may be within the seventy-five-foot radius  
295 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) only for purposes  
296 related to the performance of such person's official duties or to the  
297 conduct of government business within such radius, (B) only for as long

298 as necessary to perform such duties or conduct such business, and (C)  
299 provided such person is not engaged in any conduct described in  
300 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

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

304 (j) No election or primary official shall perform services for any party  
305 or candidate on any day during the period of early voting on which such  
306 election or primary official is appointed to serve under this section, nor  
307 appear at any political headquarters prior to the hour prescribed for the  
308 closing of the location designated for early voting under subdivision (1)  
309 or (2) of subsection (c) of section 9-174, as applicable, on such day.

310 Sec. 2. Section 9-163bb of the general statutes is repealed and the  
311 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

312 (a) (1) [Early voting ballots received by the municipal clerk prior to  
313 the day of an election or primary, and same-day] Same-day election  
314 registration ballots received by the municipal clerk prior to the day of a  
315 regular election [ ] shall be delivered by the municipal clerk to the  
316 registrars between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the  
317 regular election. [or primary.]

318 [(b)] (2) The ballot counters for such [early voting ballots and] same-  
319 day election registration ballots shall proceed to the central counting  
320 location or to the respective polling places when counting is to take  
321 place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a at the time, between  
322 six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the regular election,  
323 [or primary,] designated by the registrars of voters. At the time such  
324 ballots are delivered to the ballot counters pursuant to subsection (a) of  
325 this section, the ballot counters shall perform any checking of such  
326 ballots and proceed, as nearly as possible, as provided in section 9-150a.

327 (b) Upon the close of the polls on the day of an election or primary,

328 the moderator for the location designated for the conduct of early  
329 voting, in the presence of the other election or primary officials at such  
330 location, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator for early voting  
331 ballots against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all  
332 candidates and questions to be produced.

333 Sec. 3. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
334 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

335 (a) As used in this section:

336 (1) "Election day" means the day on which a regular election, as  
337 defined in section 9-1, is held; and

338 (2) "Same-day election registration" means admission as an elector  
339 during the period of early voting at a regular election, as provided in  
340 section 9-163aa, as amended by this act, or on election day.

341 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)  
342 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who  
343 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality  
344 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
345 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)  
346 of section 9-12, may apply for same-day election registration pursuant  
347 to the provisions of this section.

348 (c) (1) ~~(A)~~ The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the  
349 completion and processing of same-day election registrations on  
350 election day, provided ~~[(A)]~~ ~~(i)~~ the registrars of voters have access to the  
351 state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location, and  
352 ~~[(B)]~~ ~~(ii)~~ such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of the State,  
353 [not later than forty-five days before election day.] The written  
354 certification under subparagraph ~~[(B)]~~ ~~(A)(ii)~~ of this subdivision shall  
355 ~~[(i) include]~~ be submitted annually by the registrars of voters to the  
356 Secretary not later than February fifteenth as part of such registrars'  
357 submission under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)

358 of section 9-163aa, as amended by this act, and any change thereto shall  
359 be made and submitted, and approved or disapproved, in accordance  
360 with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. Such  
361 written certification shall provide (I) the name, street address and  
362 relevant contact information associated with such location, [(ii) list the  
363 name and address of each election official who shall] (II) the number of  
364 election officials to be appointed by the registrars of voters to serve at  
365 such location [, if any] and the roles of such officials, and [(iii) provide]  
366 (III) a description of the design of such location and a plan for effective  
367 completion and processing of [such applications] same-day election  
368 registrations. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written  
369 certification annually not later than [twenty-nine days before election  
370 day] March first and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one  
371 or more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

372 (B) If, after the registrars of voters annually submit the written  
373 certification under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the registrars  
374 make any change to any part of such written certification, including for  
375 any additional location designated pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
376 subsection, such registrars shall submit to the Secretary of the State an  
377 updated written certification, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
378 Secretary, as soon as practicable but in no case later than seven days  
379 after such change. The registrars shall clearly indicate on such updated  
380 written certification the information that has changed since the prior  
381 submission. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such updated  
382 written certification as soon as practicable but in no case later than seven  
383 days after submission thereof. If the Secretary disapproves such  
384 updated certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons  
385 for such disapproval and shall issue an order for such corrective action  
386 as the Secretary deems necessary, in accordance with subparagraph (A)  
387 of this subdivision.

388 (2) The legislative body of the municipality may apply to the  
389 Secretary of the State not later than seventy-four days before election  
390 day, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any

391 additional location for the completion and processing of same-day  
392 election [registration applications] registrations on election day. The  
393 Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not later than  
394 fifty-nine days before election day. If the Secretary approves such  
395 application, the registrars of voters may so designate any such  
396 additional location. The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection  
397 shall apply to any such additional location.

398       (3) (A) The registrars of voters shall appoint, for each day on which  
399 same-day election registrations are completed and processed, a  
400 moderator and such other election officials to serve at each location  
401 designated for such completion and processing. The moderator so  
402 appointed shall perform any duty required, and may exercise any  
403 power authorized, under this title related to the completion and  
404 processing of same-day election registrations at such location. On any  
405 such day and solely for purposes related to the completion and  
406 processing of same-day election registrations, the registrars of voters of  
407 a municipality may, upon agreement, appoint one of the registrars from  
408 such municipality as moderator in accordance with the provisions of  
409 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The registrars of voters may  
410 delegate to each other election official so appointed [pursuant to  
411 subdivision (1) of this subsection] any of the responsibilities assigned to  
412 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each such  
413 election official and train each such official to be a same-day election  
414 registration election official.

415       (B) Whenever the registrars of voters of a municipality appoint,  
416 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, one of the registrars  
417 of such municipality as moderator to serve at a location designated for  
418 the completion and processing of same-day election registrations, such  
419 registrars of voters shall jointly submit to the Secretary of the State (i) a  
420 certification that the registrars of voters of such municipality are in  
421 agreement as to such appointment, and (ii) a written plan detailing  
422 alternative coverage of the duties normally carried out by the registrar  
423 so appointed to ensure that such registrar abstains, on each day in which

424 such registrar serves as moderator, from any such duties that conflict  
425 with those of the moderator.

426 (C) Not later than the fourteenth day preceding the commencement  
427 of the period of early voting prior to election day, the registrars of voters  
428 shall provide to the Secretary of the State a written report setting forth  
429 the name and address of the moderator appointed to serve at each  
430 location designated for the completion and processing of same-day  
431 election registrations pursuant to this subdivision. Such written report  
432 shall be included as part of the written report provided by the registrars  
433 to the Secretary under section 9-228a, as amended by this act.

434 (d) Any person applying for same-day election registration under the  
435 provisions of this section shall make application in accordance with the  
436 provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on election day, the applicant  
437 shall appear in person not later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance  
438 with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at the location designated by the  
439 registrars of voters for same-day election registration, and (B) during the  
440 period of early voting prior to election day, the applicant shall appear  
441 in person at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c)  
442 of section 9-174, at such location, (2) an applicant who is a student  
443 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current  
444 photo identification card issued by such institution in lieu of the  
445 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall  
446 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the  
447 election, as provided in subsection (f) of this section. If the information  
448 that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and this  
449 section does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the  
450 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's  
451 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's  
452 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's  
453 name and current address and that has a due date that is not later than  
454 thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an  
455 institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such  
456 institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

457 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the  
458 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the  
459 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter  
460 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

461 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not  
462 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as  
463 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

464 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
465 elector in another municipality and such applicant wants to change the  
466 municipality in which the applicant is an elector, notwithstanding the  
467 provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters of the municipality in  
468 which such elector now seeks to register shall immediately notify the  
469 registrars of voters in such other municipality that such elector is  
470 changing the municipality in which the applicant is an elector. The  
471 registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify the election  
472 officials in such municipality to remove such elector from the official  
473 voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall cross through  
474 the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off" next to such  
475 elector's name on such official voter list.

476 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
477 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
478 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
479 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
480 receive a same-day election registration ballot from the registrars of  
481 voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register.  
482 For any such elector, the same-day election registration process shall  
483 cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and  
484 such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the  
485 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After  
486 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter cannot be made,  
487 such matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement  
488 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

489 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the  
490 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
491 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and  
492 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

493 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters  
494 shall provide the elector with a same-day election registration ballot and  
495 same-day election registration envelope and shall make a record of such  
496 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the  
497 back of the same-day election registration envelope and shall declare  
498 under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the election.  
499 The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and signed  
500 by the voter:

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

- 503 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 504 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town  
505 indicated.
- 506 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
507 complete.
- 508 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.
- 509 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such  
510 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of  
511 such prior registration.
- 512 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote  
513 otherwise than by this ballot at this election.
- 514 7. I completed an application for a same-day election registration  
515 ballot and received a same-day election registration ballot.

516 .... (Signature of voter)

517 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the same-day election  
518 registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a  
519 manner that the registrars of voters shall not know how the same-day  
520 election registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the same-  
521 day election registration ballot in the same-day election registration  
522 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured same-  
523 day election registration ballot depository receptacle. At the conclusion  
524 of each day during the early voting period, the registrars of voters shall  
525 transport such receptacle containing such day's same-day election  
526 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain and securely  
527 store such ballots in as near a manner as possible to that for the retention  
528 and secure storage of absentee ballots, as provided in subsection (h) of  
529 this section, except that, if such manner is not practicable, such same-  
530 day election registration ballots shall be retained and securely stored as  
531 provided in an alternate plan submitted by the registrars of voters to the  
532 Secretary of the State and approved by the Secretary. On election day,  
533 the previously retained and securely stored same-day election  
534 registration ballots shall be delivered to the registrars of voters and, at  
535 the time designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election  
536 officials, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle  
537 containing the same-day election registration ballots received on such  
538 election day to the central location or polling place, pursuant to  
539 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted and  
540 such same-day election registration ballots shall be counted by the  
541 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A  
542 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of same-  
543 day election registration ballots received from electors. The registrars of  
544 voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for same-day election  
545 registration ballots in a depository envelope with the same-day election  
546 registration ballots and store such same-day election registration  
547 depository envelope with the other election results materials. The same-  
548 day election registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the

549 registrars of voters for the period of time required to preserve counted  
550 ballots for elections.

551 (h) Except as provided in section 9-163bb, as amended by this act, the  
552 provisions of this title and any regulation adopted under this title  
553 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of  
554 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control  
555 and counting of same-day election registration ballots under this  
556 section.

557 (i) After the acceptance of a same-day election registration, the  
558 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation  
559 notice to the residential address of each applicant who was admitted as  
560 an elector on election day or during the period of early voting prior to  
561 election day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first  
562 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not  
563 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation  
564 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the  
565 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,  
566 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

567 (j) (1) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any  
568 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being  
569 submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising  
570 matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius of seventy-  
571 five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any building that  
572 contains any location designated by the registrars of voters for same-  
573 day election registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or  
574 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such  
575 location or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway  
576 or approach.

577 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no person  
578 shall be allowed within any location designated by the registrars of  
579 voters for same-day election registration balloting for any purpose other

580 than casting such person's vote, except (A) primary officials under  
581 section 9-436, (B) election officials under section 9-258, including (i) a  
582 municipal clerk or registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same  
583 office, and (ii) a deputy registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the  
584 office of registrar of voters, performing such official's duties, and (C)  
585 unofficial checkers under section 9-235.

586 (3) A person, including any candidate or any campaign or party  
587 employee or volunteer, may be within the seventy-five-foot radius  
588 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) only for purposes  
589 related to the performance of such person's official duties or to the  
590 conduct of government business within such radius, (B) only for as long  
591 as necessary to perform such duties or conduct such business, and (C)  
592 provided such person is not engaged in any conduct described in  
593 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

594 (k) No election official shall perform services for any party or  
595 candidate on any day on which such election official is appointed to  
596 serve under this section, nor appear at any political headquarters prior  
597 to the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for  
598 same-day election registration under subsection (b) or subdivision (1) of  
599 subsection (c) of section 9-174, as applicable, on such day.

600 Sec. 4. Section 9-228a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
601 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

602 (a) [The] Not later than the thirty-first day preceding the day of each  
603 municipal, state or federal election or primary, the registrars of voters of  
604 each municipality shall [, not later than thirty-one days prior to each  
605 municipal, state or federal election or primary,] certify to the Secretary  
606 of the State, in writing, the location of each polling place that will be  
607 used for such election or primary. Such certification shall detail the  
608 name, address, relevant contact information and corresponding federal,  
609 state and municipal districts associated with each polling place used for  
610 such election or primary.

611 (b) [The] Not later than the fourteenth day preceding the  
612 commencement of the period of early voting at each municipal, state or  
613 federal election or primary, in accordance with the provisions of  
614 subsection (a) of section 9-163aa, as amended by this act, the registrars  
615 of voters of each municipality shall [, prior to each municipal, state or  
616 federal election or primary,] provide a written report to the Secretary of  
617 the State setting forth the names and addresses of each moderator for  
618 each (1) polling place location disclosed pursuant to subsection (a) of  
619 this section, (2) location designated for the conduct of early voting  
620 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-163aa, as amended by this act,  
621 and (3) location designated for the completion and processing of same-  
622 day election registrations pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as  
623 amended by this act.

624 (c) The Secretary of the State shall have the authority to disqualify  
625 any moderator appointed by the registrars of voters if, after consultation  
626 with both registrars of voters, the Secretary determines such moderator  
627 has committed material misconduct, material neglect of duty or material  
628 incompetence in the discharge of his or her duties as a moderator. If the  
629 Secretary disqualifies a moderator, the Secretary shall share his or her  
630 findings upon which the disqualification was based with the registrars  
631 of voters.

632 Sec. 5. Section 9-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
633 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

634 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name  
635 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list  
636 under section 9-59, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-62, any elector not enrolled on any  
637 enrollment list may at any time make a written and signed application  
638 for enrollment to the registrars of voters on an application form for  
639 admission as an elector, in accordance with the requirements of this  
640 section. The application shall be effective as of the date it is filed with  
641 the registrars of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and any  
642 person making application for enrollment in such manner shall

643 immediately be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the  
 644 application for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with the  
 645 registrars of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last business day  
 646 before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of  
 647 party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is otherwise filed  
 648 with the registrar after the [fifth] eighteenth day before the primary, in  
 649 which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment  
 650 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or  
 651 (3) is filed with the registrars of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the last business  
 652 day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall be entitled to  
 653 the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the caucus or  
 654 convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by the registrar,  
 655 deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by such other  
 656 personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for the purpose,  
 657 showing the date when such application is received and, in the case of  
 658 an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-  
 659 62 to the privileges accompanying enrollment in the party named in his  
 660 application, the date upon which such applicant becomes so eligible. In  
 661 municipalities divided into voting districts in which an enrollment  
 662 session is held in each district thereof under section 9-51, application for  
 663 enrollment shall be made to the registrar or assistant registrar, as the  
 664 case may be, in the voting district in which such elector is entitled to  
 665 vote at the time of making such application. If any registrar or assistant  
 666 registrar fails to add any name to any such list on written application or  
 667 adds any name to any such list except as herein provided, he shall be  
 668 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

669       Sec. 6. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 670 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

671       (a) Ballots shall be printed in plain clear type and on material of such  
 672 size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be furnished by the registrar of  
 673 voters. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a political  
 674 party on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type  
 675 used to print the names of all other political parties appearing on such

676 ballot. The name of each major party candidate for a municipal office, as  
677 defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of state senator  
678 and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each  
679 candidate. The name of each major party candidate for a state or district  
680 office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of state  
681 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on  
682 the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388,  
683 subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400 or 9-409. The name of  
684 each minor party candidate shall appear on the ballot as authorized by  
685 each candidate. The name of each nominating petition candidate shall  
686 appear on the ballot as it is verified by the town clerk on the application  
687 filed under section 9-453b. The size and style of the type used to print  
688 the name of a candidate on a ballot shall be identical with the size and  
689 style of the type used to print the names of all other candidates  
690 appearing on such ballot. Such ballot shall contain the names of the  
691 offices and the names of the candidates arranged thereon. The names of  
692 the political parties and party designations shall be arranged on the  
693 ballots and followed by the word "party", either in columns or  
694 horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-249a, immediately adjacent to  
695 the column or row occupied by the candidate or candidates of such  
696 political party or organization. The ballot shall be printed in such  
697 manner as to indicate how many candidates the elector may vote for  
698 each office, provided in the case of a town adopting the provisions of  
699 section 9-204a, such ballot shall indicate the maximum number of  
700 candidates who may be elected to such office from any party. If two or  
701 more candidates are to be elected to the same office for different terms,  
702 the term for which each is nominated shall be printed on the official  
703 ballot as a part of the title of the office. If, at any election, one candidate  
704 is to be elected for a full term and another to fill a vacancy, the official  
705 ballot containing the names of the candidates in the foregoing order  
706 shall, as a part of the title of the office, designate the term which such  
707 candidates are severally nominated to fill. No column, under the name  
708 of any political party or independent organization, shall be printed on  
709 any official ballot, which contains more candidates for any office than

710 the number for which an elector may vote for that office.

711 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, at  
712 each election and primary held on or after January 1, 2026, the ballots  
713 used during the period of early voting at such election or primary at the  
714 location designated for the conduct of early voting in a municipality  
715 shall bear indicators along the headers and footers of such ballots, which  
716 indicators shall be of different colors that correspond uniquely to the  
717 different voting districts within such municipality.

718 Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is  
719 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
720 *1, 2026*):

721 (d) If the person designated as moderator is unable to serve for any  
722 reason, a certified alternate moderator shall serve as moderator. If such  
723 certified alternate moderator is not called upon to serve as moderator,  
724 he shall serve in another capacity as an election official on election or  
725 primary day. If any town or voting district lacks a moderator due to the  
726 death, disability or withdrawal of a certified moderator or alternate  
727 moderator, or due to the disqualification of a moderator for any reason,  
728 including failure to attend an instructional session as required by this  
729 section, the registrars of voters shall appoint a new moderator for such  
730 town or voting district in the manner provided in this section, except the  
731 registrars shall not appoint as moderator any person who has, in a court  
732 of competent jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo  
733 contendere to any (1) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,  
734 embezzlement or bribery, or (2) criminal offense under this title. Such  
735 new moderator shall attend an instructional session and a certification  
736 session conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section. If  
737 all such sessions have been conducted at the time of appointment of the  
738 new moderator, the new moderator shall receive instruction from the  
739 registrars who appointed the new moderator.

740 Sec. 8. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the

741 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026*):

742       The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or  
743 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,  
744 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters  
745 of any municipality taking such action shall provide a suitable polling  
746 place in each district but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the location  
747 of any polling place or places, the legislative body shall determine the  
748 location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election shall be  
749 determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and such  
750 polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-one days  
751 except that, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters of a  
752 municipality unanimously find that any such polling place within such  
753 municipality has been rendered unusable within such period, they shall  
754 forthwith designate another polling place to be used in place of the one  
755 so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such polling  
756 place has been so changed. The registrars of voters shall keep separate  
757 lists of the electors residing in each district and shall appoint for each  
758 district a moderator in accordance with the provisions of section 9-229,  
759 as amended by this act, and such other election officials as are required  
760 by law, and shall designate one of the moderators so appointed or any  
761 other elector of such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of  
762 declaring the results of elections in the whole municipality, except the  
763 registrars shall not appoint as moderator any person who has, in a court  
764 of competent jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo  
765 contendere to any (1) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,  
766 embezzlement or bribery, or (2) criminal offense under this title. The  
767 registrars may also designate a deputy head moderator to assist the  
768 head moderator in the performance of his duties provided the deputy  
769 head moderator and the head moderator shall not be enrolled in the  
770 same major party, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 9-372. The  
771 selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and all other officers of the  
772 municipality shall perform the duties required of them by law with  
773 respect to elections in each voting district established in accordance with

774 this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn by a municipality so  
 775 as to conflict with the lines of congressional districts, senate districts or  
 776 assembly districts as established by law, except [(1)] (A) as provided in  
 777 section 9-169d, and [(2)] (B) that as to municipal elections, any part of a  
 778 split voting district containing less than two hundred electors may be  
 779 combined with another voting district adjacent thereto from which all  
 780 and the same officers are elected at such municipal election. Any change  
 781 in the boundaries of voting districts made within ninety days prior to  
 782 any election or primary shall not apply with respect to such election or  
 783 primary. The provisions of this section shall prevail over any contrary  
 784 provision of any charter or special act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-163aa
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-163bb
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-19j
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	9-228a
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-56
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-250
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-229(d)
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-169

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) provide a mechanism for determining early voting locations when registrars of voters are unable to agree thereon, (2) modify the deadlines by which registrars of voters certify information regarding early voting and same-day election registration locations to the Secretary of the State and allow amendments to such certifications with notice to the Secretary, (3) eliminate the use of envelopes for early voting ballots and allow such ballots to be deposited directly into voting tabulators after being marked, (4) provide for the designation of early voting locations on certain college campuses, (5) require registrars of voters to submit to the Secretary information regarding early voting and same-day election registration moderators, (6) prohibit early voting and same-day election registration officials from engaging in certain partisan activities on days for which they are appointed to serve, (7)

align the provisions for appointment of same-day election registration officials with those for appointment of early voting officials, (8) amend a provision regarding the attachment of party enrollment privileges for consistency with prior changes, (9) require that early voting ballots have colored headers and footers that correspond uniquely to the voting districts within each municipality to ensure electors receive the proper ballots, and (10) prohibit registrars of voters from appointing as moderators certain persons with criminal backgrounds.

*[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.]*