



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1535**

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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 Section 9-163aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  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. Any change to such  
80 written certification shall be made and submitted, and approved or  
81 disapproved, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of  
82 this subdivision. Such written certification shall provide [(i)] (I) the

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

110 (B) If, after the registrars of voters annually submit the written  
111 certification under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the registrars  
112 make any change to any part of such written certification, such registrars  
113 shall submit to the Secretary of the State an updated written  
114 certification, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, as soon  
115 as practicable but in no case later than seven days after such change. The  
116 registrars shall clearly indicate on such updated written certification the

117 information that has changed since the prior submission. The Secretary  
118 shall approve or disapprove such updated written certification as soon  
119 as practicable but in no case later than seven days after submission  
120 thereof. If the Secretary disapproves such updated certification, the  
121 Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons for such disapproval and  
122 shall issue an order for such corrective action as the Secretary deems  
123 necessary, in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

124 (2) In any municipality with a population of at least twenty thousand,  
125 the legislative body may hold a public hearing on whether to designate  
126 any additional location in such municipality for the conduct of early  
127 voting, which public hearing, if any, shall be held not later than fifteen  
128 days prior to the time for designating any such location set forth in  
129 subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any legislative body holding such a  
130 public hearing shall properly notice such public hearing not later than  
131 ten days prior to such public hearing in a newspaper having general  
132 circulation in such municipality and on the Internet web site of the  
133 municipality. For any such municipality in which such a public hearing  
134 was not held, the legislative body thereof shall determine whether to  
135 designate any such additional location and shall notify the Secretary of  
136 the State with a detailed explanation for such determination. For any  
137 municipality in which such a public hearing was held, not later than  
138 three days after the conclusion of such public hearing, the legislative  
139 body thereof shall determine whether to designate any such additional  
140 location and shall notify the Secretary with a detailed explanation for  
141 such determination. If the legislative body determines that any such  
142 additional location be designated, the [registrars of voters] legislative  
143 body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting,  
144 the board of selectmen, shall so designate such additional location and  
145 the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to such  
146 additional location. The Secretary shall take no action on any detailed  
147 explanation submitted under this subdivision with regard to the  
148 number of additional locations designated in such a municipality, and  
149 shall preserve each such detailed explanation as a public record open to  
150 public inspection. For the purposes of this subdivision, "population"

151 means the estimated number of people according to the most recent  
152 version of the State Register and Manual prepared pursuant to section  
153 3-90.

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

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

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

181 (B) Whenever the registrars of voters of a municipality appoint,  
182 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, one of the registrars

183 of such municipality as moderator to serve at a location designated for  
184 the conduct of early voting, such registrars of voters shall jointly submit  
185 to the Secretary of the State (i) a certification that the registrars of voters  
186 of such municipality are in agreement as to such appointment, and (ii)  
187 a written plan detailing alternative coverage of the duties normally  
188 carried out by the registrar so appointed to ensure that such registrar  
189 abstains, on each day in which such registrar serves as moderator, from  
190 any such duties that conflict with those of the moderator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

244 .... (Signature of voter)]

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

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

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

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

297 (3) A person, including any candidate or any campaign or party  
298 employee or volunteer, may be within the seventy-five-foot radius  
299 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) only for purposes  
300 related to the performance of such person's official duties or to the  
301 conduct of government business within such radius, (B) only for as long  
302 as necessary to perform such duties or conduct such business, and (C)  
303 provided such person is not engaged in any conduct described in  
304 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

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

308 (j) No election or primary official shall perform services for any party  
309 or candidate on any day during the period of early voting on which such  
310 election or primary official is appointed to serve under this section, nor

311 appear at any political party headquarters prior to the hour prescribed  
312 under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (c) of section 9-174, as  
313 applicable, for the closing of the location designated for early voting on  
314 such day.

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

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

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

332 (b) Upon the close of the polls on the day of an election or primary,  
333 the moderator for the location designated for the conduct of early  
334 voting, in the presence of the other election or primary officials at such  
335 location, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator for early voting  
336 ballots against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all  
337 candidates and questions to be produced.

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

340 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

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

353 (c) (1) (A) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the  
354 completion and processing of same-day election registrations on  
355 election day, provided ~~[(A)]~~ (i) the registrars of voters have access to the  
356 state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location, and  
357 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of the State,  
358 [not later than forty-five days before election day.] The written  
359 certification under subparagraph ~~[(B)]~~ (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall  
360 [(i) include] be submitted annually by the registrars of voters to the  
361 Secretary not later than February fifteenth as part of such registrars'  
362 submission under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
363 of section 9-163aa, as amended by this act. Any change to such written  
364 certification shall be made and submitted, and approved or  
365 disapproved, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of  
366 this subdivision. Such written certification shall provide (I) the name,  
367 street address and relevant contact information associated with such  
368 location, [(ii) list the name and address of each election official who  
369 shall] (II) the number of election officials to be appointed by the  
370 registrars of voters to serve at such location [, if any] and the roles of  
371 such officials, and [(iii) provide] (III) a description of the design of such  
372 location and a plan for effective completion and processing of [such  
373 applications] same-day election registrations. The Secretary shall

374 approve or disapprove such written certification annually not later than  
375 [twenty-nine days before election day] March first and may require the  
376 registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional election officials  
377 or alter such design or plan.

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

394 (2) The legislative body of the municipality may apply to the  
395 Secretary of the State not later than seventy-four days before election  
396 day, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any  
397 additional location for the completion and processing of same-day  
398 election [registration applications] registrations on election day. The  
399 Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not later than  
400 fifty-nine days before election day. If the Secretary approves such  
401 application, the registrars of voters may so designate any such  
402 additional location. The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection  
403 shall apply to any such additional location.

404 (3) (A) The registrars of voters shall appoint, for each day on which  
405 same-day election registrations are completed and processed, a  
406 moderator and such other election officials to serve at each location

407 designated for such completion and processing. The moderator so  
408 appointed shall perform any duty required, and may exercise any  
409 power authorized, under this title related to the completion and  
410 processing of same-day election registrations at such location. On any  
411 such day and solely for purposes related to the completion and  
412 processing of same-day election registrations, the registrars of voters of  
413 a municipality may, upon agreement, appoint one of the registrars from  
414 such municipality as moderator in accordance with the provisions of  
415 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The registrars of voters may  
416 delegate to each other election official so appointed [pursuant to  
417 subdivision (1) of this subsection] any of the responsibilities assigned to  
418 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each such  
419 election official and train each such official to be a same-day election  
420 registration election official.

421 (B) Whenever the registrars of voters of a municipality appoint,  
422 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, one of the registrars  
423 of such municipality as moderator to serve at a location designated for  
424 the completion and processing of same-day election registrations, such  
425 registrars of voters shall jointly submit to the Secretary of the State (i) a  
426 certification that the registrars of voters of such municipality are in  
427 agreement as to such appointment, and (ii) a written plan detailing  
428 alternative coverage of the duties normally carried out by the registrar  
429 so appointed to ensure that such registrar abstains, on each day in which  
430 such registrar serves as moderator, from any such duties that conflict  
431 with those of the moderator.

432 (C) Not later than the fourteenth day preceding the commencement  
433 of the period of early voting prior to election day, the registrars of voters  
434 shall provide to the Secretary of the State a written report setting forth  
435 the name, address and, if available, cellular mobile telephone number of  
436 the moderator appointed to serve at each location designated for the  
437 completion and processing of same-day election registrations pursuant  
438 to this subdivision. Such written report shall be included as part of the  
439 written report provided by the registrars to the Secretary under section  
440 9-228a, as amended by this act.

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

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

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

471 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
472 elector in another municipality and such applicant wants to change the  
473 municipality in which the applicant is an elector, notwithstanding the

474 provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters of the municipality in  
475 which such elector now seeks to register shall immediately notify the  
476 registrars of voters in such other municipality that such elector is  
477 changing the municipality in which the applicant is an elector. The  
478 registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify the election  
479 officials in such municipality to remove such elector from the official  
480 voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall cross through  
481 the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off" next to such  
482 elector's name on such official voter list.

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

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

500 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters  
501 shall provide the elector with a same-day election registration ballot and  
502 same-day election registration envelope and shall make a record of such  
503 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the  
504 back of the same-day election registration envelope and shall declare  
505 under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the election.  
506 The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and signed

507 by the voter:

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

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

511 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town  
512 indicated.

513 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
514 complete.

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

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

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

521 7. I completed an application for a same-day election registration  
522 ballot and received a same-day election registration ballot.

523 .... (Signature of voter)

524 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the same-day election  
525 registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a  
526 manner that the registrars of voters shall not know how the same-day  
527 election registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the same-  
528 day election registration ballot in the same-day election registration  
529 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured same-  
530 day election registration ballot depository receptacle. At the conclusion  
531 of each day during the early voting period, the registrars of voters shall  
532 transport such receptacle containing such day's same-day election  
533 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain and securely  
534 store such ballots in as near a manner as possible to that for the retention

535 and secure storage of absentee ballots, as provided in subsection (h) of  
536 this section, except that, if such manner is not practicable, such same-  
537 day election registration ballots shall be retained and securely stored as  
538 provided in an alternate plan submitted by the registrars of voters to the  
539 Secretary of the State and approved by the Secretary. On election day,  
540 the previously retained and securely stored same-day election  
541 registration ballots shall be delivered to the registrars of voters and, at  
542 the time designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election  
543 officials, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle  
544 containing the same-day election registration ballots received on such  
545 election day to the central location or polling place, pursuant to  
546 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted and  
547 such same-day election registration ballots shall be counted by the  
548 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A  
549 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of same-  
550 day election registration ballots received from electors. The registrars of  
551 voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for same-day election  
552 registration ballots in a depository envelope with the same-day election  
553 registration ballots and store such same-day election registration  
554 depository envelope with the other election results materials. The same-  
555 day election registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the  
556 registrars of voters for the period of time required to preserve counted  
557 ballots for elections.

558 (h) Except as provided in section 9-163bb, as amended by this act, the  
559 provisions of this title and any regulation adopted under this title  
560 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of  
561 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control  
562 and counting of same-day election registration ballots under this  
563 section.

564 (i) After the acceptance of a same-day election registration, the  
565 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation  
566 notice to the residential address of each applicant who was admitted as  
567 an elector on election day or during the period of early voting prior to  
568 election day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first

569 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not  
570 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation  
571 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the  
572 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,  
573 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

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

584 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, no person  
585 shall be allowed within any location designated by the registrars of  
586 voters for same-day election registration balloting for any purpose other  
587 than casting such person's vote, except (A) primary officials under  
588 section 9-436, (B) election officials under section 9-258, including (i) a  
589 municipal clerk or registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the same  
590 office, and (ii) a deputy registrar of voters, who is a candidate for the  
591 office of registrar of voters, performing such official's duties, and (C)  
592 unofficial checkers under section 9-235.

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

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

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

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

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

632 (c) The Secretary of the State shall have the authority to disqualify

633 any moderator appointed by the registrars of voters if, after consultation  
634 with both registrars of voters, the Secretary determines such moderator  
635 has committed material misconduct, material neglect of duty or material  
636 incompetence in the discharge of his or her duties as a moderator. If the  
637 Secretary disqualifies a moderator, the Secretary shall share his or her  
638 findings upon which the disqualification was based with the registrars  
639 of voters.

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

642 Except as otherwise provided in the case of an elector whose name  
643 has not been placed on or has been removed from the enrollment list  
644 under section 9-59, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-62, any elector not enrolled on any  
645 enrollment list may at any time make a written and signed application  
646 for enrollment to the registrars of voters on an application form for  
647 admission as an elector, in accordance with the requirements of this  
648 section. The application shall be effective as of the date it is filed with  
649 the registrars of voters of the town of residence of the applicant and any  
650 person making application for enrollment in such manner shall  
651 immediately be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment unless the  
652 application for enrollment (1) is filed in person by the applicant with the  
653 registrars of voters after twelve o'clock noon on the last business day  
654 before a primary, in which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of  
655 party enrollment immediately after the primary, (2) is otherwise filed  
656 with the registrar after the [fifth] eighteenth day before the primary, in  
657 which case he shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment  
658 immediately after the primary, except as provided in section 9-23a, or  
659 (3) is filed with the registrars of voters after 5:00 p.m. on the last business  
660 day before a caucus or convention, in which case he shall be entitled to  
661 the privileges of party enrollment immediately after the caucus or  
662 convention. The application shall be signed or initialed by the registrar,  
663 deputy, assistant or registrar's clerk receiving it, or by such other  
664 personnel as such registrar or deputy may appoint for the purpose,  
665 showing the date when such application is received and, in the case of  
666 an applicant not immediately eligible under section 9-59, 9-60, 9-61 or 9-

667 62 to the privileges accompanying enrollment in the party named in his  
668 application, the date upon which such applicant becomes so eligible. In  
669 municipalities divided into voting districts in which an enrollment  
670 session is held in each district thereof under section 9-51, application for  
671 enrollment shall be made to the registrar or assistant registrar, as the  
672 case may be, in the voting district in which such elector is entitled to  
673 vote at the time of making such application. If any registrar or assistant  
674 registrar fails to add any name to any such list on written application or  
675 adds any name to any such list except as herein provided, he shall be  
676 guilty of a class D misdemeanor.

677 Sec. 6. Subsection (d) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is  
678 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
679 *1, 2026*):

680 (d) If the person designated as moderator is unable to serve for any  
681 reason, a certified alternate moderator shall serve as moderator. If such  
682 certified alternate moderator is not called upon to serve as moderator,  
683 he shall serve in another capacity as an election official on election or  
684 primary day. If any town or voting district lacks a moderator due to the  
685 death, disability or withdrawal of a certified moderator or alternate  
686 moderator, or due to the disqualification of a moderator for any reason,  
687 including failure to attend an instructional session as required by this  
688 section, the registrars of voters shall appoint a new moderator for such  
689 town or voting district in the manner provided in this section, except  
690 that the registrars shall not appoint as moderator any person who has,  
691 in a court of competent jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or  
692 nolo contendere to any (1) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,  
693 embezzlement or bribery, or (2) criminal offense under this title. Such  
694 new moderator shall attend an instructional session and a certification  
695 session conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section. If  
696 all such sessions have been conducted at the time of appointment of the  
697 new moderator, the new moderator shall receive instruction from the  
698 registrars who appointed the new moderator.

699 Sec. 7. Section 9-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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

701 The legislative body of any town, consolidated town and city or  
702 consolidated town and borough may divide and, from time to time,  
703 redivide such municipality into voting districts. The registrars of voters  
704 of any municipality taking such action shall provide a suitable polling  
705 place in each district but, if the registrars fail to agree as to the location  
706 of any polling place or places, the legislative body shall determine the  
707 location thereof. Polling places to be used in an election shall be  
708 determined at least thirty-one days before such election, and such  
709 polling places shall not be changed within said period of thirty-one days  
710 except that, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters of a  
711 municipality unanimously find that any such polling place within such  
712 municipality has been rendered unusable within such period, they shall  
713 forthwith designate another polling place to be used in place of the one  
714 so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such polling  
715 place has been so changed. The registrars of voters shall keep separate  
716 lists of the electors residing in each district and shall appoint for each  
717 district a moderator in accordance with the provisions of section 9-229,  
718 as amended by this act, and such other election officials as are required  
719 by law, and shall designate one of the moderators so appointed or any  
720 other elector of such town to be the head moderator for the purpose of  
721 declaring the results of elections in the whole municipality, except that  
722 the registrars shall not appoint as moderator any person who has, in a  
723 court of competent jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo  
724 contendere to any (1) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny,  
725 embezzlement or bribery, or (2) criminal offense under this title. The  
726 registrars may also designate a deputy head moderator to assist the  
727 head moderator in the performance of his duties provided the deputy  
728 head moderator and the head moderator shall not be enrolled in the  
729 same major party, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 9-372. The  
730 selectmen, town clerk, registrars of voters and all other officers of the  
731 municipality shall perform the duties required of them by law with  
732 respect to elections in each voting district established in accordance with  
733 this section. Voting district lines shall not be drawn by a municipality so

734 as to conflict with the lines of congressional districts, senate districts or  
735 assembly districts as established by law, except [(1)] (A) as provided in  
736 section 9-169d, and [(2)] (B) that as to municipal elections, any part of a  
737 split voting district containing less than two hundred electors may be  
738 combined with another voting district adjacent thereto from which all  
739 and the same officers are elected at such municipal election. Any change  
740 in the boundaries of voting districts made within ninety days prior to  
741 any election or primary shall not apply with respect to such election or  
742 primary. The provisions of this section shall prevail over any contrary  
743 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>	9-229(d)
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2026</i>	9-169

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