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

1 Strike section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 (a) As used in this section:

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

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

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
12 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
13 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality

14 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
15 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
16 of section 9-12, may apply for same-day election registration pursuant
17 to the provisions of this section.

18 (c) (1) ~~(A)~~ The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
19 completion and processing of same-day election registrations on
20 election day, provided ~~[(A)]~~ (i) the registrars of voters have access to the
21 state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location, and
22 [(B)] (ii) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of the State,
23 [not later than forty-five days before election day.] The written
24 certification under subparagraph [(B)] (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall
25 [(i) include] be submitted annually by the registrars of voters to the
26 Secretary not later than February fifteenth as part of such registrars'
27 submission under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
28 of section 9-163aa, as amended by this act. Any change to such written
29 certification shall be made and submitted, and approved or
30 disapproved, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of
31 this subdivision. Such written certification shall provide (I) the name,
32 street address and relevant contact information associated with such
33 location, [(ii) list the name and address of each election official who
34 shall] (II) the number of election officials to be appointed by the
35 registrars of voters to serve at such location [, if any] and the roles of
36 such officials, and [(iii) provide] (III) a description of the design of such
37 location and a plan for effective completion and processing of [such
38 applications] same-day election registrations. The Secretary shall
39 approve or disapprove such written certification annually not later than
40 [twenty-nine days before election day] March first and may require the
41 registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional election officials
42 or alter such design or plan.

43 (B) If, after the registrars of voters annually submit the written
44 certification under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the registrars
45 make any change to any part of such written certification, including for
46 any additional location designated pursuant to subdivision (2) of this

47 subsection, such registrars shall submit to the Secretary of the State an
48 updated written certification, in a form and manner prescribed by the
49 Secretary, as soon as practicable but in no case later than seven days
50 after such change. The registrars shall clearly indicate on such updated
51 written certification the information that has changed since the prior
52 submission. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such updated
53 written certification as soon as practicable but in no case later than seven
54 days after submission thereof. If the Secretary disapproves such
55 updated certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing, the reasons
56 for such disapproval and shall issue an order for such corrective action
57 as the Secretary deems necessary, in accordance with subparagraph (A)
58 of this subdivision.

59 (2) The legislative body of the municipality may apply to the
60 Secretary of the State not later than seventy-four days before election
61 day, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
62 additional location for the completion and processing of same-day
63 election [registration applications] registrations on election day. The
64 Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not later than
65 fifty-nine days before election day. If the Secretary approves such
66 application, the registrars of voters may so designate any such
67 additional location. The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection
68 shall apply to any such additional location.

69 (3) (A) The registrars of voters shall appoint, for each day on which
70 same-day election registrations are completed and processed, a
71 moderator and such other election officials to serve at each location
72 designated for such completion and processing. The moderator so
73 appointed shall perform any duty required, and may exercise any
74 power authorized, under this title related to the completion and
75 processing of same-day election registrations at such location. On any
76 such day and solely for purposes related to the completion and
77 processing of same-day election registrations, the registrars of voters of
78 a municipality may, upon agreement, appoint one of the registrars from
79 such municipality as moderator in accordance with the provisions of

80 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The registrars of voters may
81 delegate to each other election official so appointed [pursuant to
82 subdivision (1) of this subsection] any of the responsibilities assigned to
83 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each such
84 election official and train each such official to be a same-day election
85 registration election official.

86 (B) Whenever the registrars of voters of a municipality appoint,
87 pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, one of the registrars
88 of such municipality as moderator to serve at a location designated for
89 the completion and processing of same-day election registrations, such
90 registrars of voters shall jointly submit to the Secretary of the State (i) a
91 certification that the registrars of voters of such municipality are in
92 agreement as to such appointment, and (ii) a written plan detailing
93 alternative coverage of the duties normally carried out by the registrar
94 so appointed to ensure that such registrar abstains, on each day in which
95 such registrar serves as moderator, from any such duties that conflict
96 with those of the moderator.

97 (C) Not later than the fourteenth day preceding the commencement
98 of the period of early voting prior to election day, the registrars of voters
99 shall provide to the Secretary of the State a written report setting forth
100 the name, address and, if available, cellular mobile telephone number of
101 the moderator appointed to serve at each location designated for the
102 completion and processing of same-day election registrations pursuant
103 to this subdivision. Such written report shall be included as part of the
104 written report provided by the registrars to the Secretary under section
105 9-228a, as amended by this act.

106 (d) Any person applying for same-day election registration under the
107 provisions of this section shall make application in accordance with the
108 provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on election day, the applicant
109 shall appear in person not later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance
110 with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at the location designated by the
111 registrars of voters for same-day election registration, and (B) during the
112 period of early voting prior to election day, the applicant shall appear

113 in person at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c)
114 of section 9-174, at such location, (2) an applicant who is a student
115 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current
116 photo identification card issued by such institution in lieu of the
117 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall
118 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
119 election, as provided in subsection (f) of this section. If the information
120 that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and this
121 section does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
122 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
123 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
124 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's
125 name and current address and that has a due date that is not later than
126 thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an
127 institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such
128 institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

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

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

136 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
137 elector in another municipality and such applicant wants to change the
138 municipality in which the applicant is an elector, notwithstanding the
139 provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters of the municipality in
140 which such elector now seeks to register shall immediately notify the
141 registrars of voters in such other municipality that such elector is
142 changing the municipality in which the applicant is an elector. The
143 registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify the election
144 officials in such municipality to remove such elector from the official
145 voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall cross through

146 the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off" next to such
147 elector's name on such official voter list.

148 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
149 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
150 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
151 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
152 receive a same-day election registration ballot from the registrars of
153 voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register.
154 For any such elector, the same-day election registration process shall
155 cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and
156 such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the
157 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
158 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter cannot be made,
159 such matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement
160 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

165 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
166 shall provide the elector with a same-day election registration ballot and
167 same-day election registration envelope and shall make a record of such
168 issuance, except that at an election in which one or more federal offices
169 are on the ballot and in the case of any such applicant described in
170 subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section who is admitted as an
171 elector under said subdivision, the registrars of voters shall provide the
172 elector with a provisional ballot for purposes of voting for federal offices
173 only and shall make a record of such issuance. The elector shall complete
174 an affirmation imprinted upon the back of the same-day election
175 registration envelope and shall declare under oath that the applicant has
176 not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in the form
177 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

181 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
182 indicated.

183 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
184 complete.

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

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

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

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

193 (Signature of voter)

194 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the same-day election
195 registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a
196 manner that the registrars of voters shall not know how the same-day
197 election registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the same-
198 day election registration ballot in the same-day election registration
199 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured same-
200 day election registration ballot depository receptacle. At the conclusion
201 of each day during the early voting period, the registrars of voters shall
202 transport such receptacle containing such day's same-day election
203 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain and securely
204 store such ballots in as near a manner as possible to that for the retention
205 and secure storage of absentee ballots, as provided in subsection (h) of
206 this section, except that, if such manner is not practicable, such same-

207 day election registration ballots shall be retained and securely stored as
208 provided in an alternate plan submitted by the registrars of voters to the
209 Secretary of the State and approved by the Secretary. On election day,
210 the previously retained and securely stored same-day election
211 registration ballots shall be delivered to the registrars of voters and, at
212 the time designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election
213 officials, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
214 containing the same-day election registration ballots received on such
215 election day to the central location or polling place, pursuant to
216 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted and
217 such same-day election registration ballots shall be counted by the
218 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A
219 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of same-
220 day election registration ballots received from electors. The registrars of
221 voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for same-day election
222 registration ballots in a depository envelope with the same-day election
223 registration ballots and store such same-day election registration
224 depository envelope with the other election results materials. The same-
225 day election registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the
226 registrars of voters for the period of time required to preserve counted
227 ballots for elections.

228 (h) Except as provided in section 9-163bb, as amended by this act, the
229 provisions of this title and any regulation adopted under this title
230 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
231 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control
232 and counting of same-day election registration ballots under this
233 section.

234 (i) After the acceptance of a same-day election registration, the
235 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
236 notice to the residential address of each applicant who was admitted as
237 an elector on election day or during the period of early voting prior to
238 election day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first
239 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not

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

244 (j) (1) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any
245 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
246 submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising
247 matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius of seventy-
248 five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to any building that
249 contains any location designated by the registrars of voters for same-
250 day election registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or
251 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such
252 location or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway
253 or approach.

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

263 (3) A person, including any candidate or any campaign or party
264 employee or volunteer, may be within the seventy-five-foot radius
265 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) only for purposes
266 related to the performance of such person's official duties or to the
267 conduct of government business within such radius, (B) only for as long
268 as necessary to perform such duties or conduct such business, and (C)
269 provided such person is not engaged in any conduct described in
270 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

271 (k) No election official shall perform services for any party or

272 candidate on any day on which such election official is appointed to
273 serve under this section, nor appear at any political party headquarters
274 prior to the hour prescribed under subsection (b) or subdivision (1) of
275 subsection (c) of section 9-174, as applicable, for the closing of the
276 location designated for same-day election registration on such day.

277 (l) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which
278 registrars of voters and other election officials serving at designated
279 same-day election registration locations are able to confirm that
280 applicants for same-day election registration who (1) are not already
281 electors and are admitted as new electors, as described in subdivision
282 (1) of subsection (e) of this section, and (2) have been provided
283 provisional ballots for purposes of voting for federal offices only, as
284 described in subsection (f) of this section, have not voted in another state
285 in addition to having voted in this state. Such process shall require the
286 segregation of all such provisional ballots from all same-day election
287 registration ballots in order to conduct an audit of such provisional
288 ballots to make such confirmation."