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"AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes, as
4 amended by section 6 of public act 01-26, is repealed and the following
5 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

6 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
7 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994,
8 shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each
9 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
10 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
11 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
12 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
13 application form for the admission of an elector (1) shall be subject to

14 the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include any
15 provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a
16 statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains
17 an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (C)
18 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. [On
19 and after January 1, 1994, the] The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
20 shall accept [in person] any such completed application for admission
21 which is submitted in person or by mail. The applicant shall state on
22 such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide
23 residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United
24 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if
25 registered previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector
26 are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security
27 number on any such application form for the admission of an elector
28 filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any
29 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such
30 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible
31 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
32 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote
33 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an
34 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State
35 and on which the commissioner shall record the date that the
36 commissioner received the application, using an official date stamp
37 bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner
38 shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in
39 person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the
40 application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of
41 residence. If a registration application is accepted within five days
42 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
43 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town
44 of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the
45 date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of
46 section 9-23g, as amended by this act, which are not inconsistent with
47 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended
48 from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this section.

49 The commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore,
50 under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons
51 convicted of a felony.

52 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 9-23g of the general statutes is
53 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
54 *January 1, 2003*):

55 (b) The Secretary of the State shall prescribe, and provide to
56 registrars of voters, town clerks and voter registration agencies, as
57 defined in section 9-23n, as amended by this act, application forms and
58 other materials necessary to complete such application and admission
59 process. The Secretary of the State, registrars of voters and town clerks
60 shall provide a reasonable number of such forms and materials to any
61 elector who requests such forms and materials. The secretary shall
62 also, in the course of [his] the secretary's elections duties, prepare
63 instructions and related materials describing procedures for such
64 application and admission process and shall provide the materials to
65 registrars of voters and town clerks. The application shall contain the
66 information required under section 9-23h, as amended by this act. All
67 statements of the applicant shall be made under the penalties of
68 perjury. The application for admission as an elector shall include a
69 statement that (1) specifies each eligibility requirement, (2) contains an
70 attestation that the application meets each such requirement, and (3)
71 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.
72 Nothing in this section or section 9-23h, as amended by this act, shall
73 require that the application be executed in the state. An applicant who
74 is unable to write may cause [his] the applicant's name to be signed on
75 the application form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space
76 provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed
77 by the word "by" and [his] the agent's own signature. The completed
78 application may be mailed or returned in person to the office of the
79 registrars of voters or the office of the town clerk of the applicant's
80 town of residence or a voter registration agency. If the applicant
81 entrusts [his] the applicant's application to another person or to such a
82 voter registration agency for mailing or return to the registrars of

83 voters, such person or agency shall immediately mail or return the
84 application. Any such voter registration agency shall also provide the
85 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record
86 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date
87 stamp bearing the name of the agency. The agency shall provide such
88 receipt whether the application was submitted in person or by mail.
89 The town clerk shall promptly forward any application which [he] the
90 town clerk receives to the registrars of voters. Such application form
91 shall be provided by or authorized by the Secretary of the State.

92 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes is
93 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
94 *January 1, 2003*):

95 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
96 privileges of an elector for any applicant for admission under this
97 section and section 9-23h, as amended by this act, shall attach
98 immediately upon approval by the registrar, and the registrars shall
99 enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

100 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a
101 mailed application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is
102 received in the office of the registrars of voters, after the fourteenth day
103 before an election or after the fifth day before a primary, the privileges
104 of an elector shall not attach until the day after such election or
105 primary, as the case may be.

106 (3) If an application is received after the fourteenth day before an
107 election or after the fifth day before a primary by the Commissioner of
108 Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, the privileges of an
109 elector shall not attach until the day after the election or primary, as
110 the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it, whichever is
111 later.

112 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
113 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
114 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received

115 through the mail [to the moderator at the polls, after which] or an
116 application receipt that was previously provided to the applicant
117 pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h, as amended
118 by this act, subsection (b) of this section, as amended by this act, or
119 section 9-23n, as amended by this act. If an applicant presents said
120 notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
121 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
122 registrar, or assistant registrar [,] upon notice to and approval by the
123 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official
124 check list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if
125 otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the
126 polling place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to
127 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

128 Sec. 4. Section 9-23n of the general statutes is repealed and the
129 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

130 (a) As used in this section, "voter registration agency" means (1)
131 public assistance offices, (2) all offices in the state that provide
132 state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to
133 persons with disabilities, (3) libraries that are open to the public, and
134 (4) such other appropriate offices as the Secretary of the State shall
135 designate in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act of
136 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

137 (b) Voter registration agencies shall (1) distribute mail voter
138 registration application forms, (2) assist applicants for such assistance
139 or services in completing voter registration application forms, except
140 for applicants who refuse such assistance, [and] (3) accept completed
141 voter registration application forms and [forthwith transmit such
142 forms] provide each applicant with an application receipt, on which
143 the agency shall record the date that the agency received the
144 application, using an official date stamp bearing the name of the
145 agency, and (4) immediately transmit all such applications to the
146 registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of the applicants.
147 The agency shall provide such receipt whether the application was

148 submitted in person or by mail. If a registration application is accepted
149 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
150 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
151 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
152 after the date of acceptance. The voter registration agency shall
153 indicate on the completed mail voter registration application form,
154 without indicating the identity of the voter registration agency, the
155 date of its acceptance by such agency, to ensure that any eligible
156 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
157 registration agency by the last day for registration to vote in an
158 election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in providing
159 services to persons with disabilities provides services to a person with
160 a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide such voter
161 registration services at the person's home. The procedures in
162 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g, as amended by this act,
163 that are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of
164 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to
165 applications made under this section. Officials and employees of such
166 voter registration agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in
167 section 9-17a, and may not restore, under the provisions of section
168 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

169 Sec. 5. Section 9-23h of the general statutes is repealed and the
170 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

171 The application provided for in section 9-23g, as amended by this
172 act, shall provide spaces for the following information for each
173 applicant: (1) Name, (2) bona fide residence, including street number,
174 street address, apartment number if applicable, town and zip code, (3)
175 telephone number, (4) date of birth, (5) whether the applicant is
176 registered as an elector in any other town in the state of Connecticut or
177 in any other state, and if so, the applicant's last previous voting
178 residence, (6) whether [he] the applicant is a United States citizen, (7)
179 party affiliation, if any, and (8) the applicant's signature and date of
180 signature. The spaces for the applicant's telephone number and party
181 affiliation shall indicate that such information does not have to be

182 provided. No Social Security number on any such form filed prior to
 183 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental
 184 agency. The application shall contain a notice that if the applicant does
 185 not receive a notice of acceptance or rejection of the application from
 186 the office of the registrars of voters for the municipality in which the
 187 applicant resides, the applicant should contact said office. The
 188 application shall also contain any other information, questions or
 189 instructions prescribed by the Secretary of the State."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2003</i>