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Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED VOTER REGISTRATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-17 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day  
4 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in  
5 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of  
6 each regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall  
7 hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those  
8 found qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section.  
9 Such sessions shall be held in the offices of the registrars of voters on  
10 the following days during the hours indicated, except as provided in  
11 subdivision (2) of this subsection:

T1	Day	Hours
T2	[Fourteenth day	

T3	before primary day .....	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.]
T5	<u>Primary day.....</u>	<u>6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>
T6	Saturday of third week	
T7	before election day .....	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
T8	Fourteenth day	
T9	before election day .....	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
T10	<u>Election day.....</u>	<u>6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>

12 The session of the registrars of voters on the fourteenth day before  
13 election day shall be the last regular session for the admission of  
14 electors prior to an election [, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-  
15 1] in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, as amended by  
16 this act. The sessions held on primary day and election day shall be in  
17 accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this act. (2) No town  
18 having a population of less than twenty-five thousand persons shall be  
19 required to hold sessions for admission of electors on the fourteenth  
20 day before primary day.

21 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the registrars  
22 of voters shall hold a limited session on the last week day before each  
23 regular election from nine o'clock a.m. to twelve o'clock noon for the  
24 purpose of admitting only those persons whose qualifications as to  
25 age, citizenship or residence in the municipality were attained after the  
26 last session for the admission of electors prior to an election. The  
27 registrars shall enter the names of those electors admitted at such  
28 limited session on the proper list, with their residences by street and  
29 numbers, if any, before one o'clock p.m. of such last week day before  
30 the election.]

31 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
32 the registrars shall hold sessions in their offices between the thirteenth  
33 and seventh days, inclusive, before election day to examine the  
34 qualifications of electors and admit those found qualified in

35 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act. The registrars  
36 shall post the hours of such sessions.

37 (c) In addition to the sessions held pursuant to subsections (a) and  
38 (b) of this section, the registrars of voters in each town shall hold one  
39 session each year, between the first of January and the last day of the  
40 school year, at each public high school in such town, for the admission  
41 of persons who are eligible for admission under subsection (a) or (b) of  
42 section 9-12, provided, in the case of a public high school in a regional  
43 school district, such session shall be held on a rotating basis by the  
44 registrars of voters for each town which is a member of the regional  
45 school district. The registrars of voters need not give notice of this  
46 session by publication in a newspaper.

47 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The registrars of voters shall  
48 examine the qualifications of electors at the sessions held between the  
49 thirteenth and seventh days, inclusive, before the day of a regular  
50 election, pursuant to section 9-17 of the general statutes, as amended  
51 by this act, and admit those found qualified in accordance with the  
52 provisions of section 9-20 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
53 act, except that:

54 (1) Each applicant for admission shall present two forms of  
55 identification to the registrars for inspection at the time of application.  
56 One of such forms of identification shall show the photograph of the  
57 applicant. If an applicant does not have a photo identification, the  
58 registrars shall take a picture of the applicant with an instant print  
59 camera; and

60 (2) If the registrars admit the applicant as an elector, the registrars  
61 shall attach a copy of both forms of identification presented by the  
62 applicant to the elector's registration card until the registrars mail a  
63 confirmation of the elector's admission to the elector's residential  
64 address and sufficient time passes to ensure delivery of the  
65 confirmation by the United States Postal Service.

66       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The registrars of voters shall  
67 examine the qualifications of electors at the session held on the day  
68 that a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in  
69 accordance with section 9-423 of the general statutes or the day of a  
70 regular election, pursuant to section 9-17 of the general statutes, as  
71 amended by this act, and admit those found qualified in accordance  
72 with the provisions of section 9-20 of the general statutes, as amended  
73 by this act, except that:

74       (1) Each applicant for admission shall present two forms of  
75 identification to the registrars for inspection at the time of application.  
76 One of such forms of identification shall show the photograph of the  
77 applicant. If an applicant does not have a photo identification, the  
78 registrars shall take a picture of the applicant with an instant print  
79 camera;

80       (2) The application for admission as an elector shall include a plain  
81 language summary of the applicable statutes and penalties for voter  
82 registration fraud and require the signature of the applicant affirming  
83 that the applicant has read and understands such statutes and  
84 penalties;

85       (3) If the registrars admit the applicant as an elector, the registrars  
86 shall give the elector a notice of acceptance, on a form as prescribed by  
87 the Secretary of the State, that indicates the elector's voting district and  
88 polling place. The registrars shall attach to such notice a copy of both  
89 forms of identification presented by the elector. The registrar shall affix  
90 a permanent seal and signature to the notice and such copies. The  
91 elector shall present such notice and copies at the polling place to  
92 confirm the elector's eligibility to vote;

93       (4) The assistant registrars at a polling place shall add to the  
94 supplementary list the name of each elector who presents a notice of  
95 acceptance and copies of identification pursuant to subdivision (3) of  
96 this section. The assistant registrars shall place the letters "ED" next to  
97 the name of each such elector;

98 (5) If the registrars admit an applicant as an elector, the registrars  
99 shall also attach a copy of both forms of identification presented by the  
100 applicant to the elector's registration card until the registrars mail a  
101 confirmation of the elector's admission to the elector's residential  
102 address and sufficient time passes to ensure delivery of the  
103 confirmation by the United States Postal Service; and

104 (6) If the registrars admit an applicant as an elector and, upon  
105 subsequent investigation in accordance with the National Voter  
106 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, cannot validate the applicant, the  
107 registrars shall place the name of the applicant on the inactive registry  
108 list and forward such name to the State Elections Enforcement  
109 Commission.

110 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 9-23g of the general statutes is  
111 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
112 *passage*):

113 (b) The Secretary of the State shall prescribe, and provide to  
114 registrars of voters, town clerks and voter registration agencies, as  
115 defined in section 9-23n, application forms and other materials  
116 necessary to complete such application and admission process. The  
117 Secretary of the State, registrars of voters and town clerks shall provide  
118 a reasonable number of such forms and materials to any elector who  
119 requests such forms and materials. The secretary shall also, in the  
120 course of the secretary's elections duties, prepare instructions and  
121 related materials describing procedures for such application and  
122 admission process and shall provide the materials to registrars of  
123 voters and town clerks. The application shall contain the information  
124 required under section 9-23h. All statements of the applicant shall be  
125 made under the penalties of perjury. The application for admission as  
126 an elector shall include a statement that (1) specifies each eligibility  
127 requirement, (2) contains an attestation that the application meets each  
128 such requirement, and (3) requires the signature of the applicant under  
129 penalty of perjury. Nothing in this section or section 9-23h shall

130 require that the application be executed in the state. An applicant who  
131 is unable to write may cause the applicant's name to be signed on the  
132 application form by an authorized agent who shall, in the space  
133 provided for the signature, write the name of the applicant followed  
134 by the word "by" and the agent's own signature. The completed  
135 application may be mailed or returned in person to the office of the  
136 registrars of voters or the office of the town clerk of the applicant's  
137 town of residence or a voter registration agency. If the applicant  
138 entrusts the applicant's application to another person or to such a voter  
139 registration agency for mailing or return to the registrars of voters,  
140 such person or agency shall immediately mail or return the  
141 application. Any such voter registration agency shall also provide the  
142 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record  
143 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date  
144 stamp bearing the name of the agency. The agency shall provide such  
145 receipt whether the application was submitted in person or by mail.  
146 The town clerk shall promptly forward any application which the  
147 town clerk receives to the registrars of voters. On the fourteenth day  
148 before an election, the registrars shall not accept more than one  
149 hundred applications that are delivered by any person on behalf of  
150 applicants. Such application form shall be provided by or authorized  
151 by the Secretary of the State.

152 Sec. 5. Section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
153 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

154 Except as otherwise provided, the following terms, as used in this  
155 title and sections 3-124, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-17, 7-20, 7-39, 7-157, 7-214, 7-275,  
156 7-295, 7-343, 7-407, 8-1, 8-5, 8-19, 10-219, 11-36, 13a-11, 30-10, 30-11, 45a-  
157 18, 45a-19 and 51-95 shall have the following meanings:

158 (a) "Ballot label" means that portion of cardboard, paper or other  
159 material placed on the front of the voting machine, containing the  
160 names of the candidates or a statement of a proposed constitutional  
161 amendment or other question or proposition to be voted on;

162 (b) "Board for admission of electors" means the board as composed  
163 under subsection (a) of section 9-15a;

164 (c) "Clerical error" means any error in the registry list or enrollment  
165 list due to a mistake or an omission on the part of the printer or a  
166 mistake or omission made by the registrars or their assistants;

167 (d) "Election" means any electors' meeting at which the electors  
168 choose public officials by use of voting machines or by paper ballots as  
169 provided in sections 9-271 and 9-272;

170 (e) "Elector" means any person possessing the qualifications  
171 prescribed by the Constitution and duly admitted to, and entitled to  
172 exercise, the privileges of an elector in a town;

173 (f) Repealed by P.A. 77-298, S. 14;

174 (g) "Municipal clerk" means the clerk of a municipality;

175 (h) "Municipal election" means the regularly recurring election held  
176 in a municipality at which the electors of the municipality choose  
177 public officials of such municipality;

178 (i) "Municipality" means any city, borough or town within the state;

179 (j) "Official ballot" means the official ballot label to be used at an  
180 election, or the official paper ballot to be used thereat in accordance  
181 with the provisions of sections 9-271 and 9-272;

182 (k) "Population" means the population according to the last-  
183 completed United States census;

184 (l) "Presidential electors" means persons elected to cast their ballots  
185 for President and Vice President of the United States;

186 (m) "Print" means methods of duplication of words by mechanical  
187 process, but shall not include typewriting;

188 (n) "Referendum" means (1) a question or proposal which is  
189 submitted to a vote of the electors or voters of a municipality at any  
190 regular or special state or municipal election, as defined in this section,  
191 (2) a question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors  
192 or voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such  
193 electors or voters, which meeting is not an election, as defined in  
194 subsection (d) of this section, and is not a town meeting, or (3) a  
195 question or proposal which is submitted to a vote of the electors or  
196 voters, as the case may be, of a municipality at a meeting of such  
197 electors or voters pursuant to section 7-7 or pursuant to charter or  
198 special act;

199 (o) "Regular election" means any state or municipal election;

200 (p) "Registrars" means the registrars of voters of the municipality;

201 (q) "Registry list" means the list of electors of any municipality  
202 certified by the registrars;

203 (r) "Special election" means any election not a regular election;

204 (s) "State election" means the election held in the state on the first  
205 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the even-numbered  
206 years in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of  
207 Connecticut;

208 (t) "State officers" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,  
209 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller and Attorney General;

210 (u) "Voter" means a person qualified to vote at town and district  
211 meetings under the provisions of section 7-6;

212 (v) "Voting district" means any municipality, or any political  
213 subdivision thereof, having not more than one polling place in a  
214 regular election;

215 (w) "Voting machine" means a machine, including but not limited

216 to, a device which operates by electronic means, for the registering and  
217 recording of votes cast at elections, primaries and referenda;

218 (x) "Write-in ballot" means a vote cast for any person whose name  
219 does not appear on the official ballot as a candidate for the office for  
220 which his name is written in. [;]

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

223 Sec. 6. Section 9-19b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
224 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

225 (a) Except during the period between the [last session for the  
226 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election and the day  
227 following that election, the town clerk or assistant town clerk, during  
228 office hours and at the office of such official, may examine the  
229 qualifications of any person applying in person to be admitted as an  
230 elector and approve such application.

231 (b) Except during the period between the [last session for the  
232 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election and the day  
233 following that election, either registrar of voters, or a deputy registrar,  
234 assistant registrar or special assistant registrar appointed in accordance  
235 with the provisions of section 9-192, may examine the qualifications of  
236 any person applying to be admitted as an elector in the town in  
237 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, as amended by this act  
238 and, except for applications submitted pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
239 this subsection, approve such application submitted in person (1) at  
240 the office of such official; (2) at any enrollment session of the registrars  
241 of voters; (3) at any public place; (4) at any time and at any place in the  
242 town, other than a public place; or (5) at any public office of the  
243 Department of Motor Vehicles, Labor Department or Department of  
244 Social Services which is located in the town in which the registrar,  
245 deputy registrar, assistant registrar or special assistant registrar serves,  
246 if written notice of the date and time is given seven days in advance

247 thereof to the commissioner of such department. Upon receipt of a  
248 written notice under subdivision (5) of this subsection, the  
249 commissioner of the department may designate a portion of the public  
250 office which shall be used for the admission of electors. The other  
251 registrar, or any deputy, assistant or special assistant registrar, shall be  
252 permitted to be present during the admission of any person pursuant  
253 to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection. Applications accepted  
254 and examined prior to the [last session for admission of electors]  
255 fourteenth day prior to an election pursuant to subdivision (4) of this  
256 subsection may be approved after such [last session] fourteenth day.  
257 The admission of any person pursuant to subdivision (4) shall be  
258 effective on the date when both registrars approve such application.  
259 The registrar who receives such application from the applicant shall  
260 give written notice to the other registrar within one business day after  
261 such receipt and the registrars shall forthwith act on such applications.  
262 No rejection of any application under subdivision (4) of this subsection  
263 shall be effective until the registrar has mailed to the other registrar  
264 and the applicant a notice stating the reasons for the rejection. Any  
265 applicant whose application is rejected may appeal under the  
266 provisions of section 9-311.

267 (c) Such registrar, deputy, assistant or special assistant registrar  
268 accepting applications in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection  
269 (b) of this section shall provide the applicant with a receipt. Upon  
270 approval or disapproval of the application, the registrars shall send a  
271 notice thereof by first-class mail with instructions on the envelope that  
272 it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown thereon. If such  
273 notice of approval is returned undeliverable, the registrars shall take  
274 the necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43.

275 (d) During the period between the [last session for the admission of  
276 electors] sixth day prior to an election and [the opening of the limited  
277 session for the admission of electors held on] the last weekday before  
278 such election, [under section 9-17, the town clerk or assistant town  
279 clerk during office hours and at the office of such official and] either

280 registrar of voters or a deputy or assistant registrar at the office of such  
281 official may, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, as  
282 amended by this act, examine the qualifications of any person  
283 applying in person to be admitted in such town and approve the  
284 application of such person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship  
285 or residence in the municipality were attained on or after [such last  
286 session] the sixth day prior to the election and on or before the last  
287 weekday prior to such election.

288 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-19c of the general statutes is  
289 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
290 *passage*):

291 (a) Upon the presentation to the town clerk or either registrar of  
292 voters of any town of the signed application of twenty-five or more  
293 persons who are employed by the same employer at the same place of  
294 employment in such town, or twenty-five or more persons who attend  
295 the same school, college or university which is located in such town, or  
296 who reside at the same hospital, residential care home, rest home,  
297 nursing home or convalescent home located in such town and who  
298 believe that they possess the qualifications for admission as electors,  
299 which application may be made at any time except during the period  
300 between [seven days before the last session for the admission of  
301 electors] twenty-one days prior to an election and the day following  
302 such election, and shall be in form substantially as provided in section  
303 9-19d; an admitting official, within the time hereinafter specified, shall  
304 go to such place of employment, school, college, or university or  
305 hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing home or  
306 convalescent home for the purpose of taking and acting upon  
307 applications for admission as electors of any persons who reside in any  
308 Connecticut town and who are authorized to be on the premises. No  
309 application need be accepted by such town clerk or registrars from  
310 persons working at any such place of employment, attending any such  
311 school, college or university or residing at any such hospital,  
312 residential care home, rest home, nursing home or convalescent home

313 if a session for the admission of electors has been held on such  
314 premises within one hundred twenty days prior to the making of such  
315 petition. Such official to whom such application is presented shall,  
316 within seven days after the receipt of such application, inform each  
317 registrar of voters and the employer, or chief administrative officer of  
318 the school, college or university or hospital, residential care home, rest  
319 home, nursing home or convalescent home of the date and time at  
320 which he will go to such place for such purpose, which date shall be  
321 not less than seven days nor more than ten days after the sending of  
322 the notice by such official to such employer or chief administrative  
323 officer, except that no session shall be held after the [last session for  
324 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election. The official  
325 with whom the application is filed may request any other admitting  
326 official to go in his stead.

327 Sec. 8. Section 9-19e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
328 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

329 Except during the period between the [last session for the admission  
330 of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election and the day following  
331 that election, an admitting official of any town, as defined in section 9-  
332 17a, may, at the times and places prescribed by law, accept  
333 applications for admission as an elector from persons who reside in  
334 any Connecticut town and examine their qualifications. Each such  
335 application for admission shall be made on a form prescribed by the  
336 secretary of the state and shall provide a space for application for  
337 enrollment in a political party as provided in section 9-23a. Such  
338 admitting official shall hand a receipt to the applicant and immediately  
339 mail the application to the town clerk or registrars of voters of the  
340 town of residence of the applicant. The town clerk or registrars of  
341 voters of the town of residence of such applicant shall act upon such  
342 application, upon its receipt, and shall note on such copy his or their  
343 action and the date thereof, and if disapproved, his or their reasons  
344 therefor. If the town clerk acts on the application, he shall deliver such  
345 copy to the registrars as provided in section 9-20, as amended by this

346 act, and whoever acts upon the application shall immediately send  
347 written notification to the applicant, and if the application is  
348 disapproved, he or they shall send such notification by certified mail.  
349 No person shall be admitted as an elector under this section unless his  
350 application has been approved by the town clerk or registrars of voters  
351 of his town of residence. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
352 permit an admitting official to approve applications for admission as  
353 an elector in places located outside the boundaries of the municipality  
354 or district of which he is an official. Appeals may be taken from the  
355 action of such town clerk or registrars of voters under this section in  
356 accordance with section 9-31l. Any person making application for  
357 registration under this section shall be entitled to the privileges of an  
358 elector and party enrollment, if applicable, from the time such  
359 application for admission as an elector is approved by the town clerk  
360 or registrars of voters of his voting residence, provided if such  
361 application is made after twelve o'clock noon on the last business day  
362 before a primary, such applicant shall be entitled to the privileges of  
363 party enrollment immediately after the primary and provided if such  
364 application is made on the day of a caucus or convention, such  
365 applicant shall be entitled to the privileges of party enrollment  
366 immediately after the caucus or convention.

367 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 9-31a of the general statutes is  
368 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
369 *passage*):

370 (b) Any permanently physically disabled person may, in the manner  
371 prescribed under this section and upon a form as prescribed under  
372 section 9-31b, apply to the town clerk or either registrar of voters of  
373 such town for examination and admission as an elector of any  
374 Connecticut town. (1) In the case of a permanently physically disabled  
375 person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship or residence in such  
376 town are attained on or before the [last session for admission of  
377 electors] fourteenth day prior to an election to be held in the town, the  
378 application shall be submitted so that it will be received by such town

379 clerk or either registrar of voters not later than such [last session] day.  
380 Upon receipt of the application, the town clerk or either registrar of  
381 voters shall notify the applicant of the day, and the hour, such day to  
382 be within ten days of the receipt of the application, at which an  
383 admitting official shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or  
384 permanent residence of the applicant. (2) In the case of a permanently  
385 physically disabled person whose qualifications as to age, citizenship  
386 or residence in such town are attained after the [last session for  
387 admission of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election to be held in  
388 the town, the application shall be submitted so that it will be received  
389 by such town clerk or either registrar of voters not later than [the  
390 opening of the limited session for the admission of electors held, under  
391 section 9-17, on] the last weekday prior to the election. Upon receipt of  
392 the application, the town clerk or either registrar of voters shall notify  
393 the applicant of the day, and the hour, such day and hour to be not  
394 later than 5:00 p.m. on the last weekday before the election, at which  
395 an admitting official shall meet with the applicant at the temporary or  
396 permanent residence of the applicant.

397 Sec. 10. Section 9-35b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

399 Except during the period between the [last session for the admission  
400 of electors] fourteenth day prior to an election and the day following  
401 that election, any elector of any municipality who desires to relinquish  
402 his rights as an elector and to have his name erased from the registry  
403 list shall make a signed written request to the registrars of voters of  
404 such municipality. Upon receipt of such application, the registrars  
405 shall remove the elector's name from the registry list and any  
406 enrollment list. Any person whose name has been removed from the  
407 registry list pursuant to this section may reapply for admission as an  
408 elector at any time, without prejudice on account of such removal. In  
409 the event such person is admitted as an elector, the registrar of the  
410 municipality shall notify the registrars of the municipality where such  
411 person resided at the time of his relinquishment that his electoral

412 privileges have been restored.

413 Sec. 11. Section 9-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
414 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

415 The registrars of all towns shall [, on the second Friday preceding a  
416 regular election,] deposit in the town clerk's office the final registry list  
417 arranged as provided in section 9-35 and certified by them to be  
418 correct, and shall retain a sufficient number of copies to be used by  
419 them at such election for the purpose of checking the names of those  
420 who vote. They shall place on such final list, in the order provided in  
421 section 9-35, the names of all persons who have been admitted as  
422 electors. In each municipality said registrars shall also cause to be  
423 prepared and printed and deposited in the town clerk's office a  
424 supplementary or updated list containing the names and addresses of  
425 electors to be transferred, restored or added to such list [prior to the  
426 sixth day before] not later than the day after such election. [, provided  
427 in municipalities having a population of less than twenty-five  
428 thousand, such additional names may be inserted in writing in such  
429 final list.] Such final registry list and supplementary or updated list  
430 deposited in the town clerk's office shall be on file in such office for  
431 public inspection for a period of two years, and any elector may make  
432 copies thereof.

433 Sec. 12. Section 9-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
434 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

435 [The] During the fourteen-day period before a regular election, the  
436 registrars of each municipality shall print copies of the final registry  
437 list for distribution in such municipality and in all the voting districts,  
438 [located therein, provided nothing in sections 9-12 to 9-45, inclusive,  
439 shall require the printing of more than one final registry list for any  
440 voting district in any one year.] With each printing such registrars  
441 shall retain at least two copies of such lists and such copies shall be  
442 available for public use in the office of the registrars for a period of two  
443 years. The registrars shall, upon request, give to a candidate for

444 election to the General Assembly a copy of the final registry list for  
445 each voting district included in the General Assembly district for  
446 which such person is a candidate.

447       Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State, in  
448 cooperation with the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut,  
449 shall train persons to train registrars of voters concerning the  
450 provisions of section 9-17 of the general statutes, as amended by this  
451 act, and sections 2 and 3 of this act. After receiving such training,  
452 registrars of voters shall train their deputies and assistants and other  
453 election officials concerning said provisions.

454       Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State shall  
455 seek a federal waiver of the provisional ballot requirements of the  
456 federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252).

457       Sec. 15. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-7b of the  
458 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
459 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

460       (2) To levy a civil penalty not to exceed (A) two thousand dollars  
461 per offense against any person the commission finds to be in violation  
462 of any provision of chapter 145, part V of chapter 146, part I of chapter  
463 147, chapter 148, section 9-12, subsection (a) of section 9-17, section 9-  
464 19b, 9-19e, [9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as amended by this act, 9-21, 9-  
465 23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive, as amended by this act, 9-26,  
466 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56, 9-59, 9-168d,  
467 9-170, 9-171, 9-172, 9-409, 9-410, 9-412, 9-436, 9-436a, 9-453e to 9-453h,  
468 inclusive, 9-453k or 9-453o, or (B) two thousand dollars per offense or  
469 twice the amount of any improper payment or contribution, whichever  
470 is greater, against any person the commission finds to be in violation of  
471 any provision of chapter 150. The commission may levy a civil penalty  
472 against any person under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision  
473 only after giving the person an opportunity to be heard at a hearing  
474 conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. In the  
475 case of failure to pay any such penalty levied pursuant to this

476 subsection within thirty days of written notice sent by certified or  
477 registered mail to such person, the superior court for the judicial  
478 district of Hartford, on application of the commission, may issue an  
479 order requiring such person to pay the penalty imposed and such  
480 court costs, state marshal's fees and attorney's fees incurred by the  
481 commission as the court may determine. Any civil penalties paid,  
482 collected or recovered under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for a  
483 violation of any provision of chapter 150 applying to the office of the  
484 Treasurer shall be deposited on a pro rata basis in any trust funds, as  
485 defined in section 3-13c, affected by such violation.

486 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is  
487 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
488 *passage*):

489 (b) The applicant's statement shall be delivered to the registrars  
490 immediately and shall be kept by the registrars as a public record in a  
491 safe depository, except that no Social Security number obtained by the  
492 registrars prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to  
493 any governmental agency. Any such statement of an elector whose  
494 name has been removed from the registry list for a period of at least  
495 five years may be placed on microfilm, destroyed or otherwise  
496 disposed of by such registrars, in the manner provided in section 7-  
497 109. Upon the request of any elector, or if the applicant does not  
498 present a birth certificate, drivers' license or Social Security card as  
499 required by subsection (a) of this section, at the time an application is  
500 made in person to an admitting official or prior to the approval of such  
501 an application, any admitting official shall require the applicant to  
502 prove his identity, place of birth, age and bona fide residence by the  
503 testimony under oath of at least one elector or by the presentation of  
504 proof satisfactory to such admitting official. Each person found  
505 qualified shall thereupon be admitted as an elector, except as provided  
506 in sections 9-12, 9-19e [, 9-19g] and 9-30. The registrars may request an  
507 elector whose date of birth is missing from their records to voluntarily  
508 furnish his date of birth. Any admitting official may administer oaths

509 in any matter coming before him under section 9-12, 9-17, 9-19b,  
510 subsection (a) of section 9-19c, section 9-19e, [9-19g,] 9-23, 9-23a, 9-25,  
511 9-31a, 9-31b, 9-31l, 9-40a or this section. Said admitting official shall  
512 prohibit any activity which interferes with the orderly process of  
513 admission of electors.

514 Sec. 17. Section 9-23j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
515 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

516 As used in sections 9-7b, as amended by this act, and 9-12,  
517 subsection (a) of section 9-17, sections 9-19b, 9-19e, [9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i,  
518 9-20, as amended by this act, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23k to 9-23o,  
519 inclusive, as amended by this act, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-  
520 40a, 9-42, 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 and 9-59, "public assistance offices" means  
521 offices of state agencies that administer or provide services under the  
522 food stamp, Medicaid, Women, Infants and Children, and temporary  
523 family assistance programs.

524 Sec. 18. Section 9-23k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
525 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

526 The Secretary of the State shall be the chief state election official  
527 responsible for coordination of state responsibilities under the  
528 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from  
529 time to time, except that the State Elections Enforcement Commission  
530 shall be responsible for the investigation of any complaint alleging a  
531 violation of sections 9-7b, as amended by this act, and 9-12, subsection  
532 (a) of section 9-17, sections 9-19b, 9-19e, [9-19g,] 9-19h, 9-19i, 9-20, as  
533 amended by this act, 9-21, 9-23a, 9-23g, 9-23h, 9-23j to 9-23o, inclusive,  
534 as amended by this act, 9-26, 9-31a, 9-32, 9-35, 9-35b, 9-35c, 9-40a, 9-42,  
535 9-43, 9-50a, 9-56 and 9-59 and shall have the authority to enforce the  
536 provisions of said sections by use of its powers as prescribed in section  
537 9-7b, as amended by this act.

538 Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Section 9-19g of the general statutes is  
539 repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) extend the voter registration deadline from fourteen days before an election to seven days before an election for in-person registrations in the offices of registrars of voters, and (2) allow individuals to register to vote on election day by applying in person at the offices of registrars of voters.

*[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.]*