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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 910

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) (a) Any elector who is
4 permanently disabled and who files with the registrars of voters a
5 certification from a primary care provider, indicating that such elector
6 is permanently disabled and unable to appear in person at such
7 elector's designated polling location, shall be eligible for permanent
8 absentee ballot status and shall receive an absentee ballot for each
9 election, primary or referendum conducted in such elector's
10 municipality for which such elector is eligible to vote. The registrars of
11 voters shall establish a list of persons with permanent absentee ballot
12 status and forward a copy of such list to the town clerk. Such elector's
13 permanent absentee ballot status shall remain in effect until such
14 elector: (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the municipality,
15 (2) is removed from permanent absentee ballot status pursuant to the

16 provisions of this section, or (3) requests that he or she no longer
17 receive such permanent absentee ballot status. The registrars of voters
18 shall send written notice to each such elector with permanent absentee
19 ballot status in January of each year, on a form prescribed by the
20 Secretary of the State, for the purpose of determining if such elector
21 continues to reside at the address indicated on the elector's permanent
22 absentee ballot application. If such written notice is not returned
23 within thirty days or returned as undeliverable, the elector in question
24 shall be removed from permanent absentee ballot status. If such elector
25 indicates on such notice that the elector no longer resides at such
26 address and the elector's new address is within the same municipality,
27 the registrars of voters shall change the elector's address pursuant to
28 section 9-35 of the general statutes and such elector shall retain
29 permanent absentee ballot status. If the elector indicates on such notice
30 that the elector no longer lives in the municipality, the registrars of
31 voters shall remove such individual from the registry list of the
32 municipality and send such individual an application for voter
33 registration. Failure to return such written notice shall not result in the
34 removal of an elector from the official registry list of the municipality.

35 (b) The registrars of voters shall retain any certification submitted
36 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Whenever any elector is
37 removed from permanent absentee ballot status, regardless of the
38 reason for such removal, the registrars of voters shall forward an
39 updated list of electors with permanent absentee ballot status to the
40 town clerk.

41 (c) The registrars of voters shall implement procedures to assure the
42 confidentiality of any certification submitted pursuant to subsection (a)
43 of this section. The registrars of voters and town clerk shall implement
44 procedures to assure the confidentiality of any list created pursuant to
45 subsection (b) of this section. Any such certification or list shall not be
46 subject to disclosure pursuant to chapter 14 of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	New section