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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The Secretary of the State  
2 shall establish a pilot program to permit primary day voter registration  
3 at municipal primaries held in 2011.

4 (b) As used in this section, "primary day" means the day that a  
5 primary for a municipal office is being held in accordance with section  
6 9-423 of the general statutes.

7 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 143 of the general  
8 statutes, a person who (1) is not an elector, and (2) meets the eligibility  
9 requirements under subsection (a) of section 9-12 of the general  
10 statutes, may apply for admission as an elector on primary day.

11 (d) (1) The registrars of voters shall have the authority to designate a  
12 location for the completion and processing of primary day registration  
13 applications on primary day, provided such location shall enable the  
14 registrars of voters to access the state-wide centralized voter

15 registration system. The registrars of voters may appoint one or more  
16 election officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such  
17 election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of  
18 voters. The registrars of voters shall train and supervise such primary  
19 day registration election officials. Any such location designated by the  
20 registrars of voters shall comply with section 9-168d of the general  
21 statutes and shall provide the same opportunity for access and  
22 participation, including privacy and independence, for all voters.

23 (2) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to the  
24 candidacy of another or himself or on behalf of or in opposition to any  
25 question being submitted at the primary, or loiter or peddle or offer  
26 any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a  
27 radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to  
28 the registrars of voters' designated location for primary day  
29 registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach  
30 leading from any such outside entrance to such registrars of voters'  
31 designated location or in any room opening upon any such corridor,  
32 passageway or approach.

33 (e) Any such application shall be made in accordance with the  
34 provisions of section 9-20 of the general statutes, provided (1) on  
35 primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location  
36 designated by the registrars of voters for primary day registration, (2)  
37 an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher  
38 education may submit a current and valid photo identification issued  
39 by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20  
40 of the general statutes, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath  
41 that the applicant has not previously voted in the primary. If the  
42 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-  
43 20 of the general statutes and this section does not include proof of the  
44 applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also submit current  
45 and valid identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence  
46 address, including, but not limited to, a United States passport, a  
47 learner's permit or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and

48 current address and is due not later than thirty days after the primary,  
49 as applicable or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of  
50 higher education, a registration or fee statement from such institution  
51 that has the applicant's name and current address. The registrars of  
52 voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter registration system  
53 before admitting an applicant as an elector. If the registrars of voters  
54 determine that an applicant is qualified to register as an elector, the  
55 registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as an elector and the  
56 privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

57 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21 of the general  
58 statutes, if an applicant is an elector in another municipality and the  
59 applicant states that he or she wants to change the municipality in  
60 which the applicant is an elector, the registrars of voters of the  
61 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall  
62 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality  
63 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is  
64 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall  
65 immediately notify the election officials in such other municipality to  
66 remove such elector from the official voter list of such other  
67 municipality. Such election officials shall cross through the elector's  
68 name on such official voter list and mark "off" next to such elector's  
69 name on such official voter list. If it is reported that such applicant  
70 already voted in such other municipality, the registrars of voters of  
71 such other municipality shall immediately notify the registrars of  
72 voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register.  
73 In such event, such elector shall not receive a primary day registration  
74 ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in which such  
75 elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the primary day  
76 registration process shall cease in the municipality in which such  
77 elector now seeks to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the  
78 registrars of voters in the municipality in which such elector now seeks  
79 to register. After completion of such review, if a resolution of the  
80 matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported to the State  
81 Elections Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an

82 investigation of the matter.

83 (g) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters  
84 shall provide the elector with a primary day registration ballot to vote  
85 in the primary of the party with which the elector is enrolled and a  
86 security envelope, subject to the provisions of section 9-59 of the  
87 general statutes, and shall make a record of such issuance. The elector  
88 shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope  
89 for a primary day registration ballot and shall declare under oath that  
90 the applicant has not previously voted in the primary. The affirmation  
91 shall be in the form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

95 2. I am eligible to vote in the primary indicated for today in the  
96 town indicated.

97 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
98 complete.

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

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

103 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not  
104 vote otherwise than by this ballot at this primary.

105 7. I completed an application for primary day registration ballot and  
106 received a primary day registration ballot.

107 .... (Signature of voter)

108 (h) The elector shall forthwith mark the primary day registration

109 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that  
110 the registrars of voters shall not know how the primary day  
111 registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the primary day  
112 registration ballot in the primary day registration ballot envelope  
113 provided and deposit such envelope in a secured primary day  
114 registration ballot depository receptacle. The registrars of voters shall  
115 transport such receptacle to the area where such primary day  
116 registration ballots shall be counted. At the time designated by the  
117 registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the primary day  
118 registration ballots issued pursuant to this section shall be delivered to  
119 the area, either district or central, where absentee ballots are counted  
120 and such primary day registration ballots shall be counted by the  
121 election officials present at such location. A section of the head  
122 moderators return shall show the number of primary day registration  
123 ballots received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy  
124 of the votes cast on primary day registration ballots in the depository  
125 envelope with the primary day registration ballots and store such  
126 primary day registration envelope with the other primary results  
127 materials. The primary day registration depository envelope shall be  
128 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to  
129 preserve counted ballots for primaries.

130 (i) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning  
131 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee  
132 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and  
133 counting of primary day registration ballots under this section.

134 (j) After the acceptance of a primary day registration, the registrars  
135 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the  
136 residential address of the applicant who is admitted as an elector on  
137 primary day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first  
138 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not  
139 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. Notwithstanding  
140 the May first deadline in section 9-35 of the general statutes, if a  
141 confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the registrars of voters

142 shall investigate and shall take the necessary action in accordance with  
143 section 9-35 or 9-43 of the general statutes, as applicable.

144 (k) After the municipal primaries held in 2011, the Secretary of the  
145 State shall survey election officials for municipalities that held such  
146 municipal primaries. Not later than January 10, 2012, said Secretary  
147 shall submit a report on the secretary's findings and recommendations  
148 concerning the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the  
149 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections,  
150 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
151 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2010	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program to permit same day registration for municipal primaries in 2011.

*[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.]*