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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER ON VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The registrars of voters, on the Tuesday of the fifth week before  
4 each regular election, shall be in session for the purpose of completing  
5 a correct list of all electors who will be entitled to vote at such election.  
6 Such registry list shall consist of an active registry list and an inactive  
7 registry list. Such session shall be held during such hours between nine  
8 o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m. as the registrars of voters find  
9 necessary to complete the list. Notice of such session shall be given at  
10 least five days before the session by publication in a newspaper having  
11 a circulation in such municipality, if any, and by posting on the  
12 signpost therein, if any, or at some other exterior place near the office  
13 of the town clerk. Such publication shall not be required to be in the  
14 form of a legal advertisement.

15 (b) At such session and on any day except on the day of an election  
16 or primary, the registrars of voters shall remove from the list the name

17 of each elector who has died, who has been disfranchised or who has  
18 confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the  
19 municipality, except electors entitled to remain on such list under the  
20 provisions of this chapter. An elector shall be deemed to have  
21 confirmed in writing that the elector has moved out of the  
22 municipality if (1) the elector has submitted a change of address form  
23 for purposes of a state motor vehicle operator's license, unless the  
24 elector states on the form that the change of address is not for voter  
25 registration purposes, (2) the elector has submitted a change of address  
26 form to a voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, and  
27 such agency has provided such change of address to the registrars of  
28 voters, or (3) the registrars of voters have received a cancellation of  
29 previous registration from any other election official indicating that  
30 such elector has registered as an elector outside such municipality.

31 (c) Whenever the registrars of voters of a town remove from the  
32 registry list the name of an elector who has submitted a change of  
33 address to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or a voter registration  
34 agency under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (b) of this section,  
35 indicating that the elector has moved out of such town, the registrars  
36 of voters shall send the elector, by forwardable mail to the elector's  
37 former address from such list or current address in the new town, (1) a  
38 notice of removal, (2) information explaining how to have the elector's  
39 name restored to such list, which shall be in a form prescribed by the  
40 Secretary of the State, and (3) a mail-in voter registration application  
41 which can be used by the elector to apply for admission as an elector in  
42 the new town. If such notice, information and application are sent to  
43 the elector's former address and are returned undeliverable, the  
44 registrars of voters shall mail such documents to the elector's address  
45 in the new town.

46 (d) The registrars of voters shall enter the names on such list by  
47 street and number of the house, when the houses are numbered, so  
48 that there shall be entered on the list first, the street, avenue or road;  
49 second, the number of the house or residence in numerical order or, if

50 the registrars of voters of any town find it more convenient, by odd  
51 and even numbers in numerical order; and third, the names of the  
52 electors in such house in alphabetical order. The names of any electors  
53 who cannot be so listed shall be listed alphabetically in the voting  
54 district wherein any such elector is a bona fide resident. The registrars  
55 of voters may consecutively number the names on the registry list,  
56 may include voter identification numbers for the names on the registry  
57 list, and may include a mark, as prescribed by the Secretary of the  
58 State, next to the name of each first-time registrant on the system who  
59 registers to vote on or after January 1, 2003, and does not provide  
60 identification with his or her mail-in voter registration application as  
61 provided in the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from  
62 time to time, provided such list shall comply in all respects with the  
63 requirements of law other than for the addition of such numbers and  
64 marks. The registrars of voters shall not use Social Security numbers  
65 for any such voter identification numbers.

66 (e) In any case in which the registrars of voters have obtained  
67 reliable information of an elector's change of address within the  
68 municipality, they shall enter the name of such elector on the registry  
69 list at the place where the elector then resides, provided, if such  
70 reliable information is the National Change of Address System of the  
71 United States Postal Service, the registrar shall change the registry list  
72 and send the elector a notice of the change by forwardable mail and a  
73 postage prepaid preaddressed return form by which the elector may  
74 verify or correct the address information. If during the canvass the  
75 registrars of voters determine that an elector has moved out of town  
76 and such elector has not confirmed in writing that the elector has  
77 moved out of the town, the registrars of voters shall, not later than  
78 May first, send to the elector, by forwardable mail, a notice required by  
79 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended  
80 from time to time, together with a postage prepaid preaddressed  
81 return card on which the elector may state the elector's current  
82 address. In the year of a presidential preference primary, the registrars  
83 of voters shall send such notice not earlier than the date of such

84 primary. If the registrar does not receive the return card within thirty  
 85 days after it is sent, the elector's name, including the name of an elector  
 86 who has not voted in two consecutive federal elections, shall be placed  
 87 on the inactive registry list for four years. At the expiration of such  
 88 period of time on the inactive registry list, such name shall be removed  
 89 from the registry list. If such elector applies to restore the elector's  
 90 name to the active registry list or votes during such period, the  
 91 elector's name shall be restored to the active registry list. Such  
 92 registrars of voters shall retain a duplicate copy or record of each such  
 93 notice in their office or, if they do not have a permanent office, in the  
 94 office space provided under section 9-5a, and shall note on such  
 95 duplicate copy or record the date on which such notice was mailed. In  
 96 each municipality, any elector, upon change of residence within the  
 97 municipality, may cause the elector's registration to be transferred to  
 98 the elector's new address by presenting to the registrars [a signed  
 99 request therefor, stating the elector's present address, the date the  
 100 elector moved to such address and the address at which the elector  
 101 was last registered] of voters a new voter registration card. The  
 102 registrars of voters shall thereupon enter the elector's name on the list  
 103 at the elector's new residence; provided no transfer of registration shall  
 104 be made on the registry list on election day without the consent of  
 105 [both registrars] each registrar of voters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	9-35

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require that electors use a new voter registration card to transfer a registration to a new address within the municipality.

*[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.]*