



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1058

LCO No. 3995



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF UNUSED ABSENTEE
BALLOTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (f) to (h), inclusive, of section 9-150b of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2014*):

4 (f) The municipal clerk shall preserve for sixty days after the
5 election, primary or referendum the depository envelopes containing
6 opened envelopes and rejected ballots required by subsection (f) of
7 section 9-150a, and shall so preserve for one hundred eighty days the
8 depository envelopes containing counted ballots and related materials
9 required by subsection (m) of section 9-150a. The municipal clerk shall
10 preserve for ten days after the election, primary or referendum all
11 unused absentee ballots.

12 (g) No such depository envelope shall be opened except by order of
13 a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections Enforcement

14 Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of
15 subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five days of an election,
16 primary or referendum for the purpose of a recanvass conducted
17 pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the depository envelopes and
18 their contents shall be returned to the municipal clerk and preserved
19 for the stated period.

20 (h) For sixty days after the election, primary or referendum the
21 following shall be preserved by the municipal clerk as a public record
22 open to public inspection: (1) All executed absentee ballot application
23 forms and direction by registrar forms, as required by subdivision (i)
24 of section 9-140; (2) the list and index of applicants for presidential or
25 overseas ballots as required by section 9-158h; (3) the numerical list of
26 absentee voting sets issued as required by subsection (e) of section 9-
27 140; (4) the list of the names of persons whose absentee ballots are
28 received by the clerk, as required by subsection (a) of section 9-140c;
29 and (5) [all unused absentee ballots; and (6)] all envelopes containing
30 ballots received by the clerk after the close of the polls, which shall
31 remain unopened.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2014	9-150b(f) to (h)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow clerks to dispose of unused absentee ballots after ten days after an election, primary or referendum.

[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.]