



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 507**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 250

*Senate, April 6, 2016*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING HOURS OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act or  
4 municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, or at any  
5 special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or municipal  
6 office, the polls, and the location designated by the registrars of voters  
7 for election day registration pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection  
8 (c) of section 9-19j, shall remain open for election day registration, if  
9 applicable, and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No  
10 elector shall be permitted to cast [his] such elector's vote after the hour  
11 prescribed for the closing of the polls and no applicant for election day  
12 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such  
13 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location  
14 designated for such purpose in any election unless such elector or

15 applicant, as the case may be, is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election  
 16 official or a police official of the municipality, who is designated by the  
 17 moderator or appointed by the registrars of voters, as the case may be,  
 18 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official  
 19 shall not allow any electors or applicants for election day registration  
 20 who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 9-19j of the general statutes is  
 22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 23 *passage*):

24 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the  
 25 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make  
 26 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided  
 27 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than  
 28 eight o'clock p.m. at the location designated by the registrars of voters  
 29 for election day registration, in accordance with section 9-174, as  
 30 amended by this act, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an  
 31 institution of higher education may submit a current photo  
 32 identification card issued by said institution in lieu of the identification  
 33 required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath  
 34 that the applicant has not previously voted in the election. If the  
 35 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-  
 36 20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include  
 37 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also  
 38 submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence  
 39 address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under  
 40 section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current  
 41 address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after  
 42 the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of  
 43 higher education, a registration or fee statement from such institution  
 44 that has the applicant's name and current address.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-174

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-19;(d)
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill allows any individual wishing to register as an elector on election day to appear in person not later than 8:00 p.m. at the election day registration location. This will not result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING HOURS OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes individuals who register to vote under the law's Election Day Registration (EDR) procedures to vote, not only register, if they are in line at the EDR location by 8:00pm. By law, individuals admitted as electors before Election Day may vote if they are in the line at their polling place by 8:00pm. But under current law, an EDR applicant may vote only if he or she has completed the voter registration process, and is admitted as an elector, by 8:00pm.

By law, an individual may register and vote at a designated EDR location if he or she is eligible to vote in this state and is (1) not already an elector or (2) registered in one municipality, but wants to change his or her registration because he or she resides in another municipality. EDR is available during regular state and municipal elections.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 4 (03/18/2016)