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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MCLACHLAN, M. of the 24th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXTENDING THE 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 Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
4 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, or at
5 any special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or
6 municipal office, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock
7 a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No elector shall be permitted to cast his
8 vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any
9 election unless such elector is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election
10 official or a police official of the municipality, who is designated by the
11 moderator, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m.
12 Such official shall not allow any electors who were not in such line at

13 eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
15 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, the
16 location designated for election day registration pursuant to
17 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-19j shall remain open for
18 election day registration and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight
19 o'clock p.m. An applicant for election day registration shall only be
20 admitted as an elector and permitted to cast such applicant's vote after
21 the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for such
22 purposes in any regular election if such applicant is in line at eight
23 o'clock p.m., except that no such applicant shall be admitted as an
24 elector or permitted to cast such applicant's vote later than nine o'clock
25 p.m. An election official or a police official of the municipality, who is
26 appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the
27 line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official shall not allow any applicants for
28 election day registration who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m.
29 to enter such line.

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31 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

33 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
34 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
35 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
36 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than
37 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, as
38 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of
39 voters for election day registration and shall not be admitted as an
40 elector or permitted to cast such applicant's vote later than nine o'clock
41 p.m., in accordance with said subsection, (2) an applicant who is a
42 student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a
43 current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in
44 lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant
45 shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in

46 the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide
 47 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
 48 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
 49 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
 50 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
 51 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the
 52 applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is
 53 not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student
 54 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee
 55 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
 56 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>	9-19j(d)

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:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill establishes various requirements for Election Day Registration (EDR) hours.

Under current law, EDR individuals are not required to be admitted as an elector and voter if they are not registered to vote by 8:00 p.m.

The bill allows individuals who are in line by 8:00 p.m. at an EDR location during regular state and municipal elections to vote by 9:00 p.m. The bill also requires a police officer or election official be at the end of the line at 8:00 p.m.

Allowing EDR individuals in line by 8:00 p.m. to register to vote may result in potential minimal costs to certain municipalities. Potential costs would depend on how many individuals are in line and available staffing levels.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of EDR individuals and staffing levels.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 411*****AN ACT EXTENDING THE HOURS OF ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes requirements for election day registration hours, aligning them to requirements in existing law for polls on election day. The bill requires, for any regular election, the location designated by a registrar of voters for election day registration to remain open for election day registration and voting from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The bill prohibits anyone from registering or voting at the election day registration location (1) after 8:00 p.m. unless he or she is in line at that time and (2) after 9:00 p.m.

The bill requires the registrar of voters to appoint a police or election official to be at the end of the line at 8:00 p.m. to prevent applicants who were not in line at that time from getting in line.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 9 Nay 8 (03/28/2018)