

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5422**

LCO No. 3076

**AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS AND PRIMARY DAY  
ELECTOR REGISTRATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in [this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive,  
4 of] this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular  
5 election, as defined in section 9-1, is held, "primary day" means the day  
6 on which a primary, as defined in section 9-372 or 9-463, as applicable,  
7 is held, "election day registration" means admission as an elector on  
8 election day and "primary day registration" means both admission as  
9 an elector and enrollment in a political party holding a primary on  
10 primary day.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)  
12 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who  
13 wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality  
14 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
15 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)  
16 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day,  
17 or for both admission as an elector and enrollment in a political party  
18 holding a primary on primary day, pursuant to the provisions of  
19 [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this section.

20 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the  
21 completion and processing of election day registration applications on

22 election day and primary day registrations on primary day, provided  
23 the registrars of voters have access to the state-wide centralized voter  
24 registration system from such location.

25 (2) The registrars of voters may appoint one or more election  
26 officials or primary officials, as applicable, to serve at such location  
27 and may delegate to such election or primary officials any of the  
28 responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of  
29 voters shall supervise such election or primary officials and train such  
30 election or primary officials to be election day registration election  
31 officials or primary day registration primary officials.

32 (d) Any person applying [to register] for admission as an elector on  
33 election day, or for both admission as an elector and enrollment in a  
34 political party holding a primary on primary day, under the provisions  
35 [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make  
36 application in accordance with [the provisions of] section 9-20,  
37 provided (1) on election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear  
38 in person at the location designated by the registrars of voters for  
39 election day registration or primary day registration, (2) an applicant  
40 who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may  
41 submit a current photo identification card issued by [said] such  
42 institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3)  
43 the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not  
44 previously voted in [the] any election or primary held that day. If the  
45 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-  
46 20 and [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this section does not include  
47 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also  
48 submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence  
49 address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under  
50 section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current  
51 address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after  
52 the election or primary, as applicable, or, in the case of a student  
53 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee  
54 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and  
55 current address.

56 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the  
57 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the  
58 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter  
59 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector or  
60 before both admitting such applicant as an elector and enrolling such  
61 applicant in a political party holding a primary, if applicable.

62 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not  
63 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as  
64 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. On  
65 primary day, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the applicant in  
66 the political party holding a primary of such applicant's preference and  
67 the privileges of party enrollment shall attach immediately.

68 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
69 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she  
70 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,  
71 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters  
72 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall  
73 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality  
74 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is  
75 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall  
76 notify the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector  
77 from the official voter list and, if applicable, any enrollment list of such  
78 municipality. Such election officials shall cross through the elector's  
79 name on such official voter list and, if applicable, enrollment list and  
80 mark "off" next to such elector's name on such official voter list and, if  
81 applicable, enrollment list.

82 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
83 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
84 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
85 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
86 receive an election day registration ballot or a primary day registration  
87 ballot, as applicable, from the registrars of voters of the municipality in  
88 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the

89 election day registration or primary day registration process shall  
90 cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register  
91 and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the  
92 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After  
93 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not]  
94 cannot be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections  
95 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the  
96 matter.

97 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the  
98 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
99 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector  
100 and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. On primary  
101 day, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the applicant in the  
102 political party holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the  
103 privileges of party enrollment shall attach immediately.

104 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector or both admitted as an  
105 elector and enrolled in a political party holding a primary, the  
106 registrars of voters shall provide the elector with an election day  
107 registration or primary day registration ballot and [election day  
108 registration] envelope and shall make a record of such issuance. The  
109 elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the back of the  
110 envelope for an election day registration or primary day registration  
111 ballot and shall declare under oath that the applicant has not  
112 previously voted in [the] any election or primary held that day. The  
113 affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and signed by  
114 the voter:

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

- 117 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 118 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today  
119 in the town indicated.

120 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
121 complete.

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

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

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

128 7. I completed an application for an election day registration or  
129 primary day registration ballot and received an election day  
130 registration or primary day registration ballot.

131 .... (Signature of voter)

132 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration or  
133 primary day registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of  
134 voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall not know  
135 how [the election day registration] such ballot is marked. The elector  
136 shall place [the election day registration] such ballot in the election day  
137 registration or primary day registration ballot envelope provided, and  
138 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration or primary  
139 day registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time designated by  
140 the registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the registrars of  
141 voters shall transport such receptacle containing [the election day  
142 registration] such ballots to the area, either district or central, where  
143 absentee ballots are counted and such election day registration or  
144 primary day registration ballots shall be counted by the election or  
145 primary officials present at such location. A section of the head  
146 moderator's return shall show the number of election day registration  
147 or primary day registration ballots received from electors. The  
148 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for [election day  
149 registration] such ballots in a depository envelope with [the election  
150 day registration] such ballots and store such [election day registration]

151 depository envelope with the other election or primary results  
152 materials. [The] Each election day registration or primary day  
153 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of  
154 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for  
155 elections or primaries, as applicable.

156 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations  
157 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of  
158 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,  
159 control and counting of election day registration and primary day  
160 registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this  
161 section.

162 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration or a primary  
163 day registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith send a  
164 registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each  
165 applicant who is admitted as an elector on election day or primary  
166 day, as applicable, under [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this  
167 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with  
168 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the  
169 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned  
170 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in  
171 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding  
172 the May first deadline in section 9-35.

173 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the  
174 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in  
175 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or  
176 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another  
177 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in  
178 use as an entry to the registrars' of voters designated location for  
179 election day registration or primary day registration balloting or in any  
180 corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such outside  
181 entrance to such registrars' of voters designated location or in any  
182 room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or approach.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
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