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**Public Act No. 19-67**

**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF MODERATORS AND ALTERNATE MODERATORS.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(c) The Secretary shall conduct certification sessions for moderators and alternate moderators each year at times and places to be determined by said Secretary, provided at least eight such sessions shall be held each calendar year and at least one such session shall be conducted prior to every primary. The Secretary shall certify each person who successfully completes an instructional session or regional instructional session, as the case may be, conducted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section and an examination administered by the Secretary, as eligible to serve as moderator or alternate moderator at any election or primary held during the time such certification is effective, except the Secretary shall not certify any person as moderator or alternate moderator who has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, any [(1)] felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny, embezzlement or bribery [L] or [(2)] any criminal offense under this

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title. [Any] Before July 1, 2019, (1) any initial certification granted under this subsection shall expire two years after the date of its granting, [ Prior] and (2) prior to expiration of [the] an initial or [any] subsequent certification, a moderator or alternate moderator may undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification shall be renewed for two years after the date of such completion. On and after July 1, 2019, (A) any initial certification granted under this subsection shall expire four years after the date of its granting, and (B) prior to expiration of an initial or subsequent certification, a moderator or alternate moderator may undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification shall be renewed for four years after the date of such completion. Only those persons who are certified in accordance with this subsection shall be eligible to serve as moderators on election or primary day, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section or section 9-436. The Secretary of the State may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as the Secretary deems necessary to implement the certification process under this section.

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