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**Committee Bill No. 5817**

LCO No. 6428



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS IN  
POLLING PLACES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has  
5 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street  
6 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or  
7 checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the  
8 election officials present to hear the same. Each elector who registered  
9 to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a  
10 "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, as  
11 required by section 9-23r, shall present to the official checker or  
12 checkers, before the elector votes, either a current and valid photo  
13 identification that shows the elector's name and address or a copy of a  
14 current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or  
15 other government document that shows the name and address of the  
16 elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the official checker or

17 checkers the elector's Social Security card or any other preprinted form  
 18 of identification which shows the elector's name and either the elector's  
 19 address, signature or photograph, or (2) on a form prescribed by the  
 20 Secretary of the State, write the elector's residential address and date of  
 21 birth, print the elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of  
 22 false statement that the elector is the elector whose name appears on  
 23 the official checklist. Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false  
 24 statement. A separate form shall be used for each elector. If the elector  
 25 presents a preprinted form of identification under subdivision (1) of  
 26 this subsection, the official checker or checkers shall check the name of  
 27 such elector on the official checklist, manually on paper or  
 28 electronically. If the elector completes the form under subdivision (2)  
 29 of this subsection, the registrar of voters or the assistant registrar of  
 30 voters, as the case may be, shall examine the information on such form  
 31 and either instruct the official checker or checkers to check the name of  
 32 such elector on the official checklist, manually on paper or  
 33 electronically, or notify the elector that the form is incomplete or  
 34 inaccurate. The official checker shall, upon checking the name of an  
 35 elector on the official checklist, announce such elector's voter  
 36 identification number in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable  
 37 any unofficial checkers to hear the same.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                 |          |
| Section 1   | October 1, 2019 | 9-261(a) |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure official checkers in a polling place loudly and clearly announce the voter identification number of an elector permitted to receive a ballot such that any unofficial checker can hear such information.

*[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.]*

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