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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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-261(a)
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GAE *Joint Favorable*