



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5818

LCO No. 3793



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***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 Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the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. No applicant for election day registration shall be
20 admitted as an elector or 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 unless such applicant is in line at
23 eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police official of the
24 municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be
25 placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official shall not
26 allow any applicants for election day registration who were not in such
27 line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

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29 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

31 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
32 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
33 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
34 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than
35 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, as
36 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of
37 voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student
38 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current
39 photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the
40 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall
41 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
42 election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide
43 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
44 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
45 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
46 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
47 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the

48 applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is
49 not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student
50 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee
51 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
52 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)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit applicants in line for election day registration prior to eight o'clock p.m. to be admitted as electors and cast a vote in a regular election.

[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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