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AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2020, the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
3 Secretary of the State, local or regional education officials designated
4 by said commissioner and local election officials designated by the
5 Secretary, shall develop standards for awarding academic credit to any
6 student of a secondary school for the performance of volunteer service
7 in the preparation for and conduct of any election or primary. Such
8 standards shall include, but not be limited to, (1) amount of credit to be
9 awarded, (2) documentation required to obtain such credit, (3)
10 curriculum or other performance measures, (4) procedures for
11 application to local election officials for the performance of such
12 volunteer service, (5) period during which such volunteer service may

13 be performed, and (6) minimum hours of such volunteer service to
14 qualify for such credit, provided such student shall (A) be appointed
15 pursuant to section 9-235d or 9-258 of the general statutes or
16 subsection (d) of section 9-436 of the general statutes, and (B) perform
17 such volunteer service for at least eight hours on the day of such
18 election or primary. On and after March 1, 2020, any such student who
19 performs such volunteer service in accordance with such standards
20 shall be eligible to receive such credit by the local board of education
21 or regional board of education maintaining such secondary school.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2020, the President of the Connecticut
23 State Colleges and Universities, in consultation with the Secretary of
24 the State, a representative of The University of Connecticut, a
25 representative of the Office of Higher Education and local election
26 officials designated by the Secretary, shall develop standards for
27 awarding academic credit to any student of an institution of higher
28 education for the performance of volunteer service in the preparation
29 for and conduct of any election or primary. Such standards shall
30 include, but not be limited to, (1) amount of credit to be awarded, (2)
31 documentation required to obtain such credit, (3) curriculum or other
32 performance measures, (4) procedures for application to local election
33 officials for the performance of such volunteer service, (5) period
34 during which such volunteer service may be performed, and (6)
35 minimum hours of such volunteer service to qualify for such credit,
36 provided such student shall (A) be appointed pursuant to section 9-
37 235d or 9-258 of the general statutes or subsection (d) of section 9-436
38 of the general statutes, and (B) perform such volunteer service for at
39 least eight hours on the day of such election or primary. On and after
40 March 1, 2020, any such student who performs such volunteer service
41 in accordance with such standards shall be eligible to receive such
42 credit by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the Board of
43 Trustees of The University of Connecticut, as applicable.

44 Sec. 2. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

46 In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the
47 fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on
48 the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or
49 after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), [the
50 twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day),] the third Monday in
51 February (known as [Washington's Birthday] Presidents' Day), the last
52 Monday in May (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the
53 fourth day of July (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in
54 September (known as Labor Day), the second Monday in October
55 (known as Columbus Day), the Tuesday after the first Monday in
56 November (known as Election Day), the eleventh day of November
57 (known as Veterans' Day) and the twenty-fifth day of December
58 (known as Christmas) and any day appointed or recommended by the
59 Governor of this state or the President of the United States as a day of
60 thanksgiving, fasting or religious observance, shall each be a legal
61 holiday, except that whenever any of such days which are not
62 designated to occur on Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday
63 next following such day shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of
64 such days occurs upon a Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding
65 such day shall be a legal holiday. When any such holiday, except
66 holidays in January and December, occurs on a school day, each local
67 and regional board of education may close the public schools under its
68 jurisdiction for such day or hold a session of the public schools on such
69 day, provided, if a session is held, the board shall require each school
70 to hold a suitable nonsectarian educational program in observance of
71 such holiday. If a holiday in January or December occurs on a school
72 day, there shall be no session of the public schools on such day.

73 Sec. 3. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
74 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

75 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
76 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, or at
77 any special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or
78 municipal office, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock
79 a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No elector shall be permitted to cast his

80 vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any
81 election unless such elector is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election
82 official or a police official of the municipality, who is designated by the
83 moderator, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m.
84 Such official shall not allow any electors who were not in such line at
85 eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

86 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special
87 act or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, the
88 location designated for election day registration pursuant to
89 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this
90 act, shall remain open for election day registration and voting from six
91 o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day
92 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such
93 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location
94 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such
95 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police
96 official of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of
97 voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such
98 official shall not allow any applicants for election day registration who
99 were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

100 Sec. 4. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

102 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of
103 this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,
104 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

105 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
106 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
107 wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality
108 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
109 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
110 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day
111 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this

112 section.

113 (c) (1) (A) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
114 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
115 election day, provided the registrars of voters have access to the state-
116 wide centralized voter registration system from such location.

117 (B) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State,
118 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
119 additional location for the completion and processing of election day
120 registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of
121 voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before election day.
122 Upon approval of any such application by the Secretary, the registrars
123 of voters may so designate any such additional location.

124 (2) The registrars of voters may appoint one or more election
125 officials to serve at any such location and may delegate to such election
126 officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
127 The registrars of voters shall supervise such election officials and train
128 such election officials to be election day registration election officials.

129 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
130 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
131 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
132 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person [at the] not
133 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of
134 section 9-174, as amended by this act, at any location designated by the
135 registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is
136 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a
137 current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in
138 lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant
139 shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in
140 the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide
141 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
142 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
143 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's

144 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
145 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the
146 applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is
147 not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student
148 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee
149 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
150 current address.

151 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
152 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
153 registrars of voters shall [check the state-wide centralized voter
154 registration system before admitting] admit such applicant as an
155 elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

156 [(1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
157 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
158 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

159 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
160 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
161 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
162 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
163 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
164 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
165 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
166 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall
167 notify the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector
168 from the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials
169 shall cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and
170 mark "off" next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

171 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
172 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
173 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
174 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
175 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters

176 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
177 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
178 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
179 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
180 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
181 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall
182 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which
183 shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

184 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
185 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
186 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector
187 and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.]

188 (f) [If the applicant is admitted] Upon admission of the applicant as
189 an elector, the registrars of voters shall provide the elector with an
190 election day registration ballot and election day registration envelope
191 and shall make a record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an
192 affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope for an election
193 day registration ballot and shall declare under oath that the applicant
194 has not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in the
195 form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

- 198 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 199 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
200 indicated.
- 201 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
202 complete.
- 203 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.
- 204 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
205 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of

206 such prior registration.

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

209 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
210 and received an election day registration ballot.

211 (Signature of voter)

212 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
213 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
214 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day
215 registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day
216 registration ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope
217 provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured election day
218 registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time designated by the
219 registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the registrars of
220 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the election day
221 registration ballots to the central location or polling place, pursuant to
222 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted
223 and such election day registration ballots shall be counted by the
224 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A
225 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of
226 election day registration ballots received from electors. The registrars
227 of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for election day registration
228 ballots in a depository envelope with the election day registration
229 ballots and store such election day registration depository envelope
230 with the other election results materials. The election day registration
231 depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for
232 the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

233 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
234 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
235 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,
236 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
237 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

238 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars
239 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the
240 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on
241 election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section. Such
242 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the
243 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on
244 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the
245 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
246 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
247 deadline in section 9-35.

248 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
249 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
250 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
251 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
252 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
253 use as an entry to any location designated by the [registrars'] registrars
254 of voters [designated location] for election day registration balloting or
255 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such
256 outside entrance to any such [registrars' of voters designated] location
257 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
258 approach.

259 Sec. 5. Section 9-211 of the general statutes is repealed and the
260 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

261 (a) In case of a vacancy in the office of senator in Congress, the
262 Governor, except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, shall,
263 not more than ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy, issue
264 writs of election directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks
265 ordering an election to be held on the one hundred fiftieth day after
266 the issue of such writs [on a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday,] to
267 fill such vacancy for the remaining portion of the term vacated,
268 provided (1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
269 subsection, if such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-
270 fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of a regular state or

271 municipal election in November of any year, the Governor shall so
272 issue such writs that order an election to be held on the day of such
273 regular election, (2) except as provided in subdivision (3) of this
274 subsection, if such vacancy occurs after the municipal election in the
275 year preceding the last year of the term of a senator or in the last year
276 of the term of a senator, the Governor shall nominate a person to fill
277 such vacancy and such nomination shall be filed with both the clerk of
278 the Senate and the clerk of the House of Representatives. Approval of
279 such nomination shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
280 membership of each chamber of the General Assembly, or (3) if such a
281 vacancy occurs in the year of a state election and not more than sixty-
282 two days prior to such election, and the office of senator in Congress
283 for which the vacancy exists will be on the ballot during such election,
284 the Governor shall not issue such writs and no election shall be held
285 under this section. If the position vacated is that of member-elect, the
286 Governor shall so issue writs and an election shall be held as provided
287 in this section.

288 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
289 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who
290 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
291 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or
292 assistant clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs,
293 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the
294 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be
295 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be
296 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the
297 same manner as at a state election.

298 Sec. 6. Section 9-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
299 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

300 (a) In case of a vacancy in the office of representative in Congress
301 from any district, the Governor, except as otherwise provided by law,
302 shall not more than ten days after the occurrence of such vacancy issue
303 writs of election directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks, in

304 such district, ordering an election to be held on the sixtieth day after
305 the issue of such writs [on a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday,] to
306 fill such vacancy, provided (1) if such a vacancy occurs between the
307 one hundred twenty-fifth day and the sixty-third day before the day of
308 a regular state or municipal election in November of any year, the
309 Governor shall so issue such writs on the sixtieth day before the day of
310 such regular election, ordering an election to be held on the day of
311 such regular election, (2) if such a vacancy occurs after the sixty-third
312 day before the day of a regular state election but before the regular
313 state election, the Governor shall not issue such writs and no election
314 shall be held under this section, unless the position vacated is that of
315 member-elect, in which case the Governor shall issue such writs and
316 an election shall be held as provided in this section, and (3) if a
317 primary for such office occurs pursuant to subparagraph (C) of
318 subdivision (1) of section 9-450, the Governor shall, within ten days
319 following the filing of a candidacy for nomination by a person other
320 than the party-endorsed candidate, issue new writs of election, in place
321 of those first issued pursuant to this section.

322 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
323 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who
324 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
325 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or
326 assistant clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs,
327 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the
328 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be
329 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be
330 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the
331 same manner as at a state election.

332 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 9-215 of the general statutes is
333 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
334 *passage*):

335 (b) When any such vacancy occurs, except as provided in this
336 section, the Governor shall, within ten days after its occurrence, issue

337 writs of election, directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks in
338 the several towns in the district in which the vacancy exists, ordering
339 an election to be held therein on the forty-sixth day after the issue of
340 such writs to fill such vacancy, and cause them to be (1) conveyed to
341 such town clerks or assistant town clerks, [No such election shall be
342 held on a Saturday or Sunday] or (2) delivered electronically or by any
343 other means the Governor deems necessary to ensure such writs are
344 received by such town clerks or assistant town clerks on the day such
345 writs are issued. If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred
346 twenty-fifth day and the forty-ninth day before the day of a regular
347 state or municipal election in November of any year, the Governor
348 shall so issue such writs on the forty-sixth day before the day of such
349 regular election, ordering an election to be held on the day of such
350 regular election. If such a vacancy occurs after the forty-ninth day
351 before the day of a regular state election but before the Wednesday
352 following the first Monday of January of the next-succeeding year, the
353 Governor shall not issue such writs and no election shall be held under
354 this section, unless the position vacated is that of member-elect, in
355 which case the Governor shall issue such writs and an election shall be
356 held as provided in this section.

357 Sec. 8. Section 9-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the
358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

359 When there is no election of probate judge in any district by reason
360 of two or more having an equal and the highest number of votes, or
361 when a new probate district is created and no provision made for the
362 election of a judge thereof, or whenever it is shown to the Governor
363 that a vacancy is about to exist in said office by reason of the
364 resignation of the incumbent to take effect at a future time or by reason
365 of constitutional limitation, or when there is a vacancy in said office,
366 the Governor may issue writs of election directed to the town clerk or
367 clerks or assistant town clerk or clerks within such district [,] ordering
368 an election to be held on a day named therein [, other than a Saturday
369 or Sunday,] to fill such vacancy or impending vacancy, and (1)
370 transmit the same to a state marshal [. Such state marshal] who shall

371 forthwith transmit them to such clerk or clerks, [who] or (2) deliver
372 electronically the same to such clerk or clerks. Such clerk or clerks, on
373 receiving the same, shall warn elections to be held on the day
374 appointed in such writs, in the same manner as state elections are
375 warned. Such elections shall be organized and conducted, and the vote
376 shall be declared and returns made, certified, directed, deposited and
377 transmitted, in the same manner as at a state election. The Secretary of
378 the State, Treasurer and Comptroller shall, within thirty days after any
379 such election, count and declare the votes so returned, and notice shall
380 be given to the person declared elected, in the same manner as is
381 provided in the election of probate judges at state elections. The
382 Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in tabular form in books
383 kept by him for that purpose and present a copy of the same, with the
384 name of, and the total number of votes received by, each of the
385 candidates for said office, to the Governor within ten days thereafter.
386 The Probate Court Administrator shall cite a probate judge to act as a
387 judge in the district during any vacancy in said office in accordance
388 with section 45a-120.

389 Sec. 9. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the
390 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

391 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department and
392 the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make voter registration
393 information and materials available to the public. Such information
394 and materials shall be placed in public areas of the offices of such
395 departments. The State Library and the libraries of the state's public
396 institutions of higher education shall also make such information and
397 materials available to users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State
398 shall provide such departments, such libraries and any libraries open
399 to the public with suitable nonpartisan literature, materials and voter
400 registration application forms authorized under sections 9-23g and 9-
401 23h. [The secretary shall also provide to the Department of Social
402 Services, the Labor Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles
403 any furniture needed to display such literature, materials and forms.]

404 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
405 section, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
406 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994,
407 shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each
408 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
409 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
410 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
411 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
412 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be
413 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not
414 include any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)]
415 (C) shall contain a statement, except as provided in subdivision (2) of
416 this subsection, that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, [(B)]
417 (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such
418 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant
419 under penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
420 accept any such completed application for admission which is
421 submitted in person, [or by mail. The] by mail or through an electronic
422 system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as
423 provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form,
424 under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence
425 address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United States citizen,
426 party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered previously,
427 and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not forfeited by
428 reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number on any
429 such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior to
430 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental
431 agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such form the date of
432 receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible applicant is
433 registered to vote in an election if it is received by the Commissioner of
434 Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote in an election.
435 The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an application
436 receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and on which
437 the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner received
438 the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words

439 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such
440 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, [or] by mail
441 or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
442 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application
443 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence. If a
444 registration application is accepted within five days before the last day
445 for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be
446 transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence
447 of the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance.
448 The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g
449 which are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of
450 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to
451 applications made under this section. The commissioner is not an
452 admitting official and may not restore, under the provisions of section
453 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

454 (2) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may use an electronic
455 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
456 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
457 admission of applicants to be electors, except that the condition that an
458 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may
459 be waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently
460 by said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system shall
461 comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31,
462 as amended from time to time.

463 Sec. 10. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
464 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

465 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in
466 accordance with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license
467 shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration for
468 the person unless the person states on the form that the change of
469 address is not for voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of
470 Motor Vehicles shall forthwith transmit such change of address
471 information to the registrars of voters of the town of the former

472 address of the person. If the name of the person appears on the registry
473 list of the town, and if the new address is also within such town, the
474 registrars shall enter the name of such elector on the registry list at the
475 place where he then resides. If the name of the person appears on the
476 registry list of the town and if the new address is outside such town,
477 the registrars shall remove the name of such elector from the registry
478 list and send the elector the notice, information and application
479 required by subsection (c) of section 9-35, except that if the
480 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is using an electronic system
481 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may
482 prescribe alternative procedures for sending such notice and
483 information and may waive the requirement to send such application.

484 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may use an electronic
485 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
486 effectuate the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding
487 notifications of change of address for voter registration. The use of any
488 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
489 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

490 Sec. 11. Section 9-19k of the general statutes is repealed and the
491 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

492 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system
493 for online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered
494 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant
495 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)
496 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in
497 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) (A) signature is in a database
498 described in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported
499 into such system for online voter registration, or (B) signature has been
500 electronically submitted by the applicant directly to the Secretary in a
501 form and manner prescribed by the Secretary and such signature may
502 be used with such system.

503 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State,

504 shall provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
505 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The
506 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by
507 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's
508 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any
509 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the
510 information submitted by applicants. The Secretary shall not use the
511 information obtained from any such database except to verify
512 information submitted by the applicant, provided the applicant's
513 signature, if part of data contained in the state agency's database, shall
514 be included as part of the applicant's information contained in the
515 system for online voter registration.

516 (c) The submission of an online application shall contain all of the
517 information that is required for an application under section 9-23h,
518 except that a signature shall be obtained (1) from another state
519 agency's database pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (2)
520 electronically from the applicant directly in a form and manner
521 prescribed by the Secretary of the State.

522 (d) In order for an applicant's registration or change in registration
523 to be approved, the applicant shall mark the box associated with the
524 following statement included as part of the online application:

525 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following
526 under penalty of perjury:

527 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is
528 provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in the State of
529 Connecticut.

530 (2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and
531 correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

532 (3) If I have not submitted my signature electronically to the
533 Connecticut Secretary of the State, I authorize the Department of
534 Motor Vehicles or any other Connecticut state agency to transmit to the

535 [Connecticut] Secretary of the State or my town's registrars of voters
536 my signature that is on file with such agency, and I understand that
537 such signature will be used by the Secretary of the State or my town's
538 registrars of voters on this online application for admission as an
539 elector as if I had signed this form personally."

540 (e) Upon approval of such application, the registrars of voters shall
541 send a notice of approval pursuant to section 9-19b to the applicant.

542 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
543 section after the seventh day before an election or after the fifth day
544 before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the
545 day after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event,
546 the registrars of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone
547 or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late
548 received application and any applicable deadline for applying for
549 admission in person.

550 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the registrars of voters or
551 any election official appointed by such registrars of voters to admit any
552 applicant as an elector from utilizing the online voter registration
553 system established pursuant to this section for the purpose of
554 admitting such applicant on election day pursuant to section 9-19j, as
555 amended by this act.

556 (h) The Secretary of the State shall develop and implement a system
557 through which the Secretary may permit any person to submit an
558 electronic signature for the purpose of signing any form or application
559 to be filed pursuant to chapters 141 to 154, inclusive. The Secretary
560 may include in, or exclude from, such system any such form or
561 application. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such
562 form or application on which any such electronic signature appears
563 shall be deemed to have been signed in the original.

564 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is
565 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
566 *passage*):

567 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in
568 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter agency shall (A)
569 distribute mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist
570 applicants for [such] service or assistance [or services] provided by the
571 agency in completing voter registration application forms, except for
572 applicants who refuse [such] assistance in completing such forms, [(3)]
573 (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and provide
574 each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall
575 record the date that the agency received the application, using an
576 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and [(4)] (D)
577 immediately transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of
578 the town of voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall
579 provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in person,
580 [or by mail] by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to
581 subdivision (2) of this subsection. If a registration application is
582 accepted within five days before the last day for registration to vote in
583 a regular election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars
584 of voters of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than
585 five days after the date of acceptance. [The] Except as provided in
586 subdivision (2) of this subsection, the voter registration agency shall
587 indicate on the completed mail voter registration application form,
588 without indicating the identity of the voter registration agency, the
589 date of its acceptance by such agency, to ensure that any eligible
590 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
591 registration agency by the last day for registration to vote in an
592 election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in providing
593 services to persons with disabilities provides services to a person with
594 a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide such voter
595 registration services at the person's home. The procedures in
596 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not inconsistent
597 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as
598 amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made under
599 this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration agencies
600 are not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may not
601 restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of

602 persons convicted of a felony.

603 (2) Each voter registration agency may use an electronic system,
604 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate the
605 purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding applications
606 for voter registration. The use of any such electronic system shall
607 comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31,
608 as amended from time to time.

609 Sec. 13. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the
610 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

611 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended
612 by this act, shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of
613 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and shall (1)
614 distribute with each application for service or assistance provided by
615 the agency, and with each recertification, renewal or change of address
616 form relating to such service or assistance, a mail voter registration
617 application form approved by the Secretary of the State, or (2) provide,
618 during each application for such service or assistance and each
619 recertification, renewal or change of address relating thereto, an
620 opportunity to apply for voter registration through an electronic
621 system pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of said section,
622 unless the applicant declines to register to vote pursuant to the
623 provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31,
624 as amended from time to time. Such declination shall be in writing,
625 except in the case of an application for service or assistance provided
626 by a library, or a recertification, renewal or change of address form
627 relating to such library service or assistance. Such voter registration
628 agency shall provide each applicant to register to vote the same degree
629 of assistance with regard to the completion of the registration
630 application form as is provided by the agency with regard to the
631 completion of its own forms, unless the applicant refuses such
632 assistance.

633 Sec. 14. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the

634 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

635 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail
636 voter registration application forms, (2) provide opportunities for voter
637 registration through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2)
638 of subsection (b) of section 9-23n, as amended by this act, and [(2)] (3)
639 assist applicants who request assistance in completing such voter
640 registration application forms or registering through such electronic
641 system.

642 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) (1) Not later than May first
643 in any year in which a federal decennial census has been taken and in
644 which the United States Census Bureau counted any incarcerated
645 individual as a resident of the town in which such incarcerated
646 individual's respective correctional facility is located, the Department
647 of Correction shall deliver to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
648 Management in such form as the secretary shall prescribe:

649 (A) A unique identifier for each incarcerated individual subject to
650 the jurisdiction of the department on the date for which the decennial
651 census reports population;

652 (B) The street address of the correctional facility in which such
653 individual was incarcerated at the time of such report;

654 (C) The residential or other address of such individual prior to
655 incarceration, if known;

656 (D) An indication of whether such individual has attained the age of
657 eighteen years;

658 (E) Such individual's race and whether such individual is of
659 Hispanic or Latino origin, if known; and

660 (F) Any additional information the secretary may request pursuant
661 to law.

662 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the

663 information required to be provided under this subsection shall not
664 include the name of any incarcerated individual or in any other way
665 allow for the identification of any such individual from such
666 information. Such information shall be confidential and not otherwise
667 disclosed, except to the secretary for the purposes of subsection (c) of
668 this section, or as aggregated by census block for the purposes of
669 subsection (d) of this section.

670 (b) Not later than May first in any year in which the federal
671 decennial census has been taken and in which the United States
672 Census Bureau counted any incarcerated individual as a resident of the
673 town in which such incarcerated individual's respective correctional
674 facility is located, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
675 shall request each agency that operates a federal correctional facility in
676 this state to provide the secretary with a report including the
677 information listed in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

678 (c) (1) For each individual included in a report received under
679 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
680 and Management shall determine the geographic units for which
681 population counts are reported in the federal decennial census, which
682 units contain the address of the facility in which such individual was
683 incarcerated, and such individual's residential or other address as
684 listed in such report.

685 (2) For each individual included in a report received under
686 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, if such individual's residential or
687 other address is known and in this state, the secretary shall adjust such
688 information to:

689 (A) Ensure that all relevant population counts reported in the
690 census are as if such individual resided at such address on the date for
691 which the census reports population; and

692 (B) Ensure that such individual is not represented in any applicable
693 population count reported in the federal decennial census for the
694 geographic units that include the facility in which such individual was

695 incarcerated on the date for which the census reports population.

696 (3) For each individual included in a report received under
697 subsection (a) or (b) of this section whose residential or other address
698 is unknown or not in this state, and for each individual reported in the
699 census as residing in a federal correctional facility for whom a report
700 was not provided, the secretary shall adjust such information to:

701 (A) Ensure that such individual is not represented in any applicable
702 population count reported in the federal decennial census for the
703 geographic units that include the facility in which such individual was
704 incarcerated on the date for which the census reports population; and

705 (B) Ensure that such individual is counted as part of a state unit not
706 tied to a specific geographical location, in the same manner that an
707 individual with an unknown state of residency is counted, including,
708 but not limited to, military and federal government personnel
709 stationed abroad.

710 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
711 prepare and publish such information adjusted pursuant to subsection
712 (c) of this section not later than thirty days after the publication of the
713 redistricting data for this state by the United States Census Bureau in
714 the year following the taking of the federal decennial census, and such
715 adjusted information shall be the basis for determining state assembly
716 and senatorial districts, as well as municipal voting districts. No
717 residence at an unknown geographical location within the state under
718 subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section may be used to
719 determine the average population of any set of districts. The secretary
720 shall notify each municipality that such information shall be used for
721 the purposes of determining municipal voting districts.

722 (e) The Department of Correction shall determine the residential or
723 other address of each individual committed to the custody of the
724 department on or after January 1, 2020, and maintain an electronic
725 record of such address. Such record shall contain, at a minimum, the
726 last-known residential or other address of each individual prior to

727 incarceration.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-4
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-174
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-211
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-212
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-215(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-218
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-23o
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-23p
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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