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LCO No. 6252



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO ELECTION LAWS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (c) [For purposes of] As used in this section, "mailed" means sent by
5 the United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or
6 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the
7 State.

8 Sec. 2. Section 9-150c of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

10 An applicant who applies for an absentee ballot because of
11 unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days
12 immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or
13 referendum or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital within

14 such six-day period, may appoint a designee, as defined in subsection
15 (b) of section 9-140b, to deliver the ballot to him, by stating on the
16 application, in a space provided for that purpose, (1) the date of
17 occurrence of the illness or disability or the name and address of the
18 hospital in which the applicant is a patient within such six-day period,
19 (2) the name, address and category under said subsection, of the
20 person so designated, and (3) the delivery which the person is
21 designated to perform, provided the person so designated shall also
22 sign a statement on the application to the effect that he consents to the
23 designation and will perform the delivery without tampering with the
24 ballot in any way. If the application designates a person to deliver the
25 ballot to the applicant, that person shall personally submit the
26 application to the municipal clerk. If such application is submitted to
27 the clerk in person, within six days immediately preceding the close of
28 the polls at an election or primary, by a person designated on the
29 application to deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant as provided
30 in this section and in subsection (b) of [said] section 9-140b, and if the
31 application is dated within such time, the clerk shall give that person
32 the absentee voting set.

33 Sec. 3. Section 9-264 of the general statutes is repealed and the
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

35 An elector who requires assistance to vote, by reason of blindness,
36 disability or inability to write or to read the ballot, may be given
37 assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than (1) the elector's
38 employer, (2) an agent of such employer, (3) an officer or agent of the
39 elector's union, or (4) a candidate for any office on the ballot, unless the
40 elector is a member of the immediate family of such candidate. The
41 person assisting the elector may accompany the elector into the voting
42 booth. Such person shall register such elector's vote upon the ballot as
43 such elector directs. Any person accompanying an elector into the
44 voting booth who deceives any elector in registering the elector's vote
45 under this section or seeks to influence any elector while in the act of
46 voting, or who registers any vote for any elector or on any question
47 other than as requested by such elector, or who gives information to

48 any person as to what person or persons such elector voted for, or how
49 such elector voted on any question, shall be guilty of a class D felony.
50 As used in this section, "immediate family" [means "immediate family"
51 as defined] has the same meaning as provided in section 9-140b.

52 Sec. 4. Section 9-364a of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

54 Any person who influences or attempts to influence by force or
55 threat the vote, or by force, threat, bribery or corrupt means, the
56 speech, of any person in a primary, caucus, referendum, convention or
57 election; or wilfully and fraudulently suppresses or destroys any vote
58 or ballot properly given or cast or, in counting such votes or ballots,
59 wilfully miscounts or misrepresents the number thereof; and any
60 presiding or other officer of a primary, caucus or convention who
61 wilfully announces the result of a ballot or vote of such primary,
62 caucus or convention, untruly and wrongfully, shall be guilty of a class
63 C felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-140b(c)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-150c
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-264
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-364a

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to certain election laws.

[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.]