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"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

16 (c) (1) (A) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
17 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
18 election day, provided (i) the registrars of voters shall have access to
19 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
20 and (ii) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
21 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written
22 certification required pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii) of this
23 subdivision shall (I) include the name, street address and relevant
24 contact information associated with such location, (II) list the name
25 and address of each election official appointed to serve at such
26 location, and (III) provide a description of the design of such location
27 and a plan for effective completion and processing of such
28 applications. Upon review of such written certification, the Secretary
29 may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional
30 election officials or to alter such design or plan.

31 (B) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State,
32 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
33 additional location for the completion and processing of election day
34 registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of
35 voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before election day. The
36 Secretary shall make a decision on any such application not later than
37 thirty days after its receipt. Upon approval of any such application by
38 the Secretary, the registrars of voters may so designate any such
39 additional location. The provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
40 subdivision shall apply to any such additional location designated
41 pursuant to this subparagraph.

42 (2) The registrars of voters may [appoint one or more election
43 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election
44 officials] delegate to each election official appointed pursuant to
45 subdivision (1) of this subsection, any of the responsibilities assigned
46 to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each
47 such election [officials] official and train each such election [officials]
48 official to be an election day registration election [officials] official.

49 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
50 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
51 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
52 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location
53 designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2)
54 an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher
55 education may submit a current photo identification card issued by
56 [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-
57 20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has
58 not previously voted in the election. If the information that the
59 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
60 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
61 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
62 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
63 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
64 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
65 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
66 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration
67 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name
68 and current address.

69 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
70 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
71 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
72 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector. (1) If
73 the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not already an
74 elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as an elector
75 and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

76 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
77 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
78 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
79 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
80 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
81 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
82 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is

83 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall
84 notify the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector
85 from the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials
86 shall cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and
87 mark "off" next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

88 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
89 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
90 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
91 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
92 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
93 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
94 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
95 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
96 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
97 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
98 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
99 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement
100 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

101 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
102 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
103 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector
104 and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

105 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
106 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
107 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
108 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
109 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
110 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
111 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows
112 and signed by the voter:

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

115 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

116 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
117 indicated.

118 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
119 complete.

120 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

121 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
122 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
123 such prior registration.

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

126 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
127 and received an election day registration ballot.

128 (Signature of voter)

129 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
130 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
131 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day
132 registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day
133 registration ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope
134 provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured election day
135 registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time designated by the
136 registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the registrars of
137 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the election day
138 registration ballots to the central location or polling place, pursuant to
139 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted
140 and such election day registration ballots shall be counted by the
141 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A
142 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of
143 election day registration ballots received from electors. The registrars
144 of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for election day registration

145 ballots in a depository envelope with the election day registration
146 ballots and store such election day registration depository envelope
147 with the other election results materials. The election day registration
148 depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for
149 the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

150 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
151 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
152 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,
153 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
154 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

155 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
156 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
157 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as
158 an elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
159 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
160 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
161 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned
162 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
163 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding
164 the May first deadline in section 9-35.

165 (2) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
166 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
167 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such
168 applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in
169 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall submit a report
170 of all information resulting in such determination to the State Elections
171 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
172 matter. Such registrars shall also submit a copy of such report to the
173 Secretary of the State.

174 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
175 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
176 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or

177 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
178 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
179 use as an entry to [the registrars' of voters designated location] any
180 location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
181 registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach
182 leading from any such outside entrance to [such registrars' of voters
183 designated] any such location or in any room opening upon any such
184 corridor, passageway or approach.

185 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 9-211 of the general statutes is
186 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
187 *passage*):

188 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
189 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who
190 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
191 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or
192 assistant clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs,
193 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the
194 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be
195 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be
196 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the
197 same manner as at a state election.

198 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-212 of the general statutes is
199 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
200 *passage*):

201 (b) The Governor shall cause writs of election issued pursuant to
202 subsection (a) of this section to be (1) conveyed to a state marshal, who
203 shall forthwith transmit an attested copy thereof to such clerks or
204 assistant clerks, or (2) delivered electronically to such clerks or
205 assistant clerks. Such clerks or assistant clerks, on receiving such writs,
206 shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed therein in the
207 same manner as state elections are warned, which elections shall be
208 organized and conducted as are state elections, and the vote shall be

209 declared, certified, directed, deposited, returned and transmitted in the
210 same manner as at a state election.

211 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 9-215 of the general statutes is
212 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
213 *passage*):

214 (b) When any such vacancy occurs, except as provided in this
215 section, the Governor shall, within ten days after its occurrence, issue
216 writs of election, directed to the town clerks or assistant town clerks in
217 the several towns in the district in which the vacancy exists, ordering
218 an election to be held therein on the forty-sixth day after the issue of
219 such writs to fill such vacancy, and cause them to be (1) conveyed to
220 such town clerks or assistant town clerks, [No such election shall be
221 held on a Saturday or Sunday] or (2) delivered electronically or by any
222 other means the Governor deems necessary to ensure such writs are
223 received by such town clerks or assistant town clerks on the day such
224 writs are issued, provided no such election shall be held on a Saturday
225 or Sunday. If such a vacancy occurs between the one hundred twenty-
226 fifth day and the forty-ninth day before the day of a regular state or
227 municipal election in November of any year, the Governor shall so
228 issue such writs on the forty-sixth day before the day of such regular
229 election, ordering an election to be held on the day of such regular
230 election. If such a vacancy occurs after the forty-ninth day before the
231 day of a regular state election but before the Wednesday following the
232 first Monday of January of the next-succeeding year, the Governor
233 shall not issue such writs and no election shall be held under this
234 section, unless the position vacated is that of member-elect, in which
235 case the Governor shall issue such writs and an election shall be held
236 as provided in this section.

237 Sec. 5. Section 9-218 of the general statutes is repealed and the
238 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

239 When there is no election of probate judge in any district by reason
240 of two or more having an equal and the highest number of votes, or

241 when a new probate district is created and no provision made for the
242 election of a judge thereof, or whenever it is shown to the Governor
243 that a vacancy is about to exist in said office by reason of the
244 resignation of the incumbent to take effect at a future time or by reason
245 of constitutional limitation, or when there is a vacancy in said office,
246 the Governor may issue writs of election directed to the town clerk or
247 clerks or assistant town clerk or clerks within such district [,] ordering
248 an election to be held on a day named therein, other than a Saturday or
249 Sunday, to fill such vacancy or impending vacancy, and (1) transmit
250 the same to a state marshal [. Such state marshal] who shall forthwith
251 transmit them to such clerk or clerks, [who] or (2) deliver electronically
252 the same to such clerk or clerks. Such clerk or clerks, on receiving the
253 same, shall warn elections to be held on the day appointed in such
254 writs, in the same manner as state elections are warned. Such elections
255 shall be organized and conducted, and the vote shall be declared and
256 returns made, certified, directed, deposited and transmitted, in the
257 same manner as at a state election. The Secretary of the State, Treasurer
258 and Comptroller shall, within thirty days after any such election, count
259 and declare the votes so returned, and notice shall be given to the
260 person declared elected, in the same manner as is provided in the
261 election of probate judges at state elections. The Secretary of the State
262 shall enter the returns in tabular form in books kept by [him] the
263 Secretary for that purpose and present a copy of the same, with the
264 name of, and the total number of votes received by, each of the
265 candidates for said office, to the Governor within ten days thereafter.
266 The Probate Court Administrator shall cite a probate judge to act as a
267 judge in the district during any vacancy in said office in accordance
268 with section 45a-120.

269 Sec. 6. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the
270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

271 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department and
272 the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make voter registration
273 information and materials available to the public. Such information
274 and materials shall be placed in public areas of the offices of such

275 departments. The State Library and the libraries of the state's public
276 institutions of higher education shall also make such information and
277 materials available to users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State
278 shall provide such departments, such libraries and any libraries open
279 to the public with suitable nonpartisan literature, materials and voter
280 registration application forms authorized under sections 9-23g and 9-
281 23h. [The secretary shall also provide to the Department of Social
282 Services, the Labor Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles
283 any furniture needed to display such literature, materials and forms.]

284 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
285 section, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
286 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994,
287 shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each
288 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
289 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
290 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
291 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
292 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be
293 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not
294 include any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)]
295 (C) shall contain a statement, except as provided in subdivision (2) of
296 this subsection, that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, [(B)]
297 (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such
298 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant
299 under penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
300 accept any such completed application for admission which is
301 submitted in person, [or by mail. The] by mail or through an electronic
302 system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as
303 provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form,
304 under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence
305 address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United States citizen,
306 party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered previously,
307 and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not forfeited by
308 reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number on any

309 such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior to
310 January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental
311 agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such form the date of
312 receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible applicant is
313 registered to vote in an election if it is received by the Commissioner of
314 Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote in an election.
315 The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an application
316 receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and on which
317 the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner received
318 the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words
319 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such
320 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, [or] by mail
321 or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
322 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application
323 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence. If a
324 registration application is accepted within five days before the last day
325 for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be
326 transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence
327 of the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance.
328 The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g
329 which are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of
330 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to
331 applications made under this section. The commissioner is not an
332 admitting official and may not restore, under the provisions of section
333 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges of persons convicted
334 of a felony.

335 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
336 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State,
337 to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection
338 regarding application for admission of an elector, except that the
339 condition that an applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility
340 requirement may be waived for any such eligibility requirement
341 verified independently by said commissioner through documentary
342 evidence presented by the applicant or other official records. Such

343 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
344 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
345 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
346 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

347 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
348 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying
349 for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
350 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
351 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
352 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars
353 of voters of such person's residence through an electronic system
354 pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of
355 subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application shall
356 be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

357 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
358 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
359 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
360 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply
361 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to
362 this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such
363 admission on behalf of such person.

364 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person
365 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
366 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
367 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
368 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's
369 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system
370 pursuant to this subdivision.

371 Sec. 7. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the
372 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

373 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in
374 accordance with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license

375 shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration for
376 the person unless the person states on the form that the change of
377 address is not for voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of
378 Motor Vehicles shall forthwith transmit such change of address
379 information to the registrars of voters of the town of the former
380 address of the person. If the name of the person appears on the registry
381 list of the town, and if the new address is also within such town, the
382 registrars shall enter the name of such elector on the registry list at the
383 place where he then resides. If the name of the person appears on the
384 registry list of the town and if the new address is outside such town,
385 the registrars shall remove the name of such elector from the registry
386 list and send the elector the notice, information and application
387 required by subsection (c) of section 9-35, except that if the
388 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is using an electronic system
389 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may
390 prescribe alternative procedures for sending such notice and
391 information and may waive the requirement to send such application.

392 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic
393 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
394 effectuate the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding
395 notifications of change of address for voter registration. Such electronic
396 system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
397 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
398 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
399 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

400 Sec. 8. Section 9-19k of the general statutes is repealed and the
401 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

402 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system
403 for online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered
404 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant
405 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)
406 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in
407 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) (A) signature is in a database

408 described in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported
409 into such system for online voter registration, or (B) signature has been
410 electronically submitted by the applicant directly to the Secretary in a
411 form and manner prescribed by the Secretary and such signature may
412 be used with such system.

413 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State,
414 shall provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
415 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The
416 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by
417 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's
418 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any
419 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the
420 information submitted by applicants. The Secretary shall not use the
421 information obtained from any such database except to verify
422 information submitted by the applicant, provided the applicant's
423 signature, if part of data contained in the state agency's database, shall
424 be included as part of the applicant's information contained in the
425 system for online voter registration.

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

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

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

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

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

442 (3) If I have not submitted my signature electronically to the
443 Connecticut Secretary of the State, I authorize the Department of
444 Motor Vehicles or any other Connecticut state agency to transmit to the
445 [Connecticut] Secretary of the State or my town's registrars of voters
446 my signature that is on file with such agency, and I understand that
447 such signature will be used by the Secretary of the State or my town's
448 registrars of voters on this online application for admission as an
449 elector as if I had signed this form personally."

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

452 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
453 section after the seventh day before an election or after the fifth day
454 before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the
455 day after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event,
456 the registrars of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone
457 or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late
458 received application and any applicable deadline for applying for
459 admission in person.

460 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the registrars of voters or
461 any election official appointed by such registrars of voters to admit any
462 applicant as an elector from utilizing the online voter registration
463 system established pursuant to this section for the purpose of
464 admitting such applicant on election day pursuant to section 9-19j, as
465 amended by this act.

466 (h) The Secretary of the State shall develop and implement a system
467 through which the Secretary may permit any person to submit an
468 electronic signature for the purpose of signing any form or application
469 to be filed pursuant to chapters 141 to 154, inclusive. The Secretary
470 may include in, or exclude from, such system any such form or
471 application. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such

472 form or application on which any such electronic signature appears
473 shall be deemed to have been signed in the original.

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

477 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in
478 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter registration agency shall
479 (A) distribute mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist
480 applicants for [such] service or assistance [or services] provided by the
481 agency in completing voter registration application forms, except for
482 applicants who refuse [such] assistance in completing such forms, [(3)]
483 (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and provide
484 each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall
485 record the date that the agency received the application, using an
486 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and [(4)] (D)
487 immediately transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of
488 the town of voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall
489 provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in person,
490 [or] by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision
491 (2) of this subsection. If a registration application is accepted within
492 five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
493 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
494 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
495 after the date of acceptance. [The] Except as provided in subdivision
496 (2) of this subsection, the voter registration agency shall indicate on the
497 completed mail voter registration application form, without indicating
498 the identity of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance
499 by such agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to
500 vote in an election if it is received by the registration agency by the last
501 day for registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program
502 primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities
503 provides services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the
504 agency shall provide such voter registration services at the person's
505 home. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-

506 23g that are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act
507 of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to
508 applications made under this section. Officials and employees of such
509 voter registration agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in
510 section 9-17a, and may not restore, under the provisions of section
511 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges of persons convicted
512 of a felony.

513 (2) Each voter registration agency may use an electronic system,
514 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate the
515 purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding applications
516 for voter registration. Such electronic system may provide for the
517 transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature on file with said
518 commissioner. The use of any such electronic system shall comply with
519 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended
520 from time to time.

521 Sec. 10. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the
522 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

523 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended
524 by this act, shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of
525 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and shall (1)
526 distribute with each application for service or assistance provided by
527 the agency, and with each recertification, renewal or change of address
528 form relating to such service or assistance, a mail voter registration
529 application form approved by the Secretary of the State, or (2) provide,
530 during each application for such service or assistance and each
531 recertification, renewal or change of address relating thereto, an
532 opportunity to apply for voter registration through an electronic
533 system pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of said section,
534 unless the applicant declines to register to vote pursuant to the
535 provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31,
536 as amended from time to time. Such declination shall be in writing,
537 except in the case of an application for service or assistance provided
538 by a library, or a recertification, renewal or change of address form

539 relating to such library service or assistance. Such voter registration
540 agency shall provide each applicant to register to vote the same degree
541 of assistance with regard to the completion of the registration
542 application form as is provided by the agency with regard to the
543 completion of its own forms, unless the applicant refuses such
544 assistance.

545 Sec. 11. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the
546 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

547 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail
548 voter registration application forms, (2) provide opportunities to apply
549 for voter registration through an electronic system, and [(2)] (3) assist
550 applicants who request assistance in completing such voter
551 registration application forms or applying for registration through
552 such electronic system.

553 Sec. 12. Section 9-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the
554 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

555 (a) A person shall forfeit such person's right to become an elector
556 and such person's privileges as an elector upon conviction of a felony
557 and; [committal] (1) Committal to the custody of the Commissioner of
558 Correction for confinement in a correctional institution or facility [or]
559 other than a community residence; [,] (2) committal to confinement in a
560 federal correctional institution or facility; [,] or (3) committal to the
561 custody of the chief correctional official of any other state or a county
562 of any other state for confinement in a correctional institution or
563 facility [or] in such state or county other than a community residence
564 in such state or county.

565 (b) In the case of a person who has forfeited such person's privileges
566 as an elector under subsection (a) of this section and has regained such
567 privileges, as provided in section 9-46a, as amended by this act, if such
568 person subsequently returns to confinement in a correctional
569 institution or facility, other than a community residence, from parole
570 or special parole, from release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-

571 100e, 18-100h or 18-100i or from furlough pursuant to section 18-101a,
572 such person shall again forfeit such privileges.

573 [(b)] (c) No person who has forfeited and not regained such person's
574 privileges as an elector, as provided in section 9-46a, as amended by
575 this act, may be a candidate for or hold public office.

576 Sec. 13. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the
577 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

578 (a) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to
579 confinement in a federal or other state correctional institution or
580 facility [or community residence] shall have such person's electoral
581 privileges restored [upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with
582 the conviction and] once such person has been [discharged] released
583 from confinement, [and, if applicable, parole] except that on and after
584 July 1, 2019, any such person confined in a community residence shall
585 have such person's electoral privileges restored.

586 (b) [Upon] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
587 subsection, upon the release from confinement in a correctional
588 institution or facility [or a community residence] of a person who has
589 been convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the
590 Commissioner of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such
591 person from parole, (1)] (A) the person shall have the right to become
592 an elector, [(2)] (B) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the
593 person a document certifying that the person has been released from
594 such confinement, [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole,
595 (3)] (C) if the person was an elector at the time of such felony
596 conviction and, after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing
597 in the same municipality in which the person resided at the time of
598 such felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be
599 restored, and [(4)] (D) if the person was an elector at the time of such
600 felony conviction and, after such release, [and any such discharge,] is
601 residing in a different municipality or if the person was not an elector
602 at the time of such felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges

603 shall be restored or granted upon submitting to an admitting official
604 satisfactory proof of the person's qualifications to be admitted as an
605 elector. The provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this
606 subsection shall not apply to any person convicted of a felony for a
607 violation of any provision of this title until such person has been
608 discharged from any parole or probation for such felony.

609 (2) On and after July 1, 2019, any person confined in a community
610 residence shall have such person's electoral privileges restored.

611 (c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is
612 admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,
613 within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted,
614 shall notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such
615 person resided at the time of such person's conviction that such
616 person's electoral rights have been so restored.

617 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to
618 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
619 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
620 correctional institution or facility, [or a community residence,] and are
621 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant
622 to subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have
623 such privileges restored. [The Office of Adult Probation] Said
624 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, inform such
625 persons who are on [probation on January 1, 2002,] parole or special
626 parole, or confined in a community residence on July 1, 2019, of their
627 right to become electors and procedures to have their electoral
628 privileges restored, which shall be in accordance with subsections (b)
629 and (c) of this section.

630 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
631 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
632 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
633 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been
634 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility. [or a

635 community residence and, if applicable, discharged from parole.] Such
 636 lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such
 637 persons, with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which
 638 such persons have been convicted. The Secretary [of the State] shall
 639 transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities in which such
 640 convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions and to the
 641 registrars of any municipalities where the [secretary] Secretary believes
 642 such persons may be electors."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-211(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-212(b)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-215(b)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-218
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-23o
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-23p
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-46
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-46a