"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

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

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

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

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1) is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a) of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section."
(c) (1) (A) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the completion and processing of election day registration applications on election day, provided (i) the registrars of voters shall have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location, and (ii) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written certification required pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii) of this subdivision shall (I) include the name, street address and relevant contact information associated with such location, (II) list the name and address of each election official appointed to serve at such location, and (III) provide a description of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and processing of such applications. Upon review of such written certification, the Secretary may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional election officials or to alter such design or plan.

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

(2) The registrars of voters may [appoint one or more election officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election officials] delegate to each election official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise each such election [officials] official and train each such election [officials] official to be an election day registration election [officials] official.
(d) Any person applying to register on election day under the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

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

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

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

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

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

AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
of false statement, (perjury) that:
1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

.... (Signature of voter)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not include any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)] (C) shall contain a statement, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, [(B)] (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed application for admission which is submitted in person, [or by mail. The] by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number on any
such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23a which are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

(2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by said commissioner through documentary evidence presented by the applicant or other official records. Such
electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

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

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

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

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

(a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license
shall serve as notification of change of address for voter registration for
the person unless the person states on the form that the change of
address is not for voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of
Motor Vehicles shall forthwith transmit such change of address
information to the registrars of voters of the town of the former
address of the person. If the name of the person appears on the registry
list of the town, and if the new address is also within such town, the
registrars shall enter the name of such elector on the registry list at the
place where he then resides. If the name of the person appears on the
registry list of the town and if the new address is outside such town,
the registrars shall remove the name of such elector from the registry
list and send the elector the notice, information and application
required by subsection (c) of section 9-35, except that if the
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is using an electronic system
pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may
prescribe alternative procedures for sending such notice and
information and may waive the requirement to send such application.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in the State of Connecticut."
(2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) In the case of a person who has forfeited such person's privileges
as an elector under subsection (a) of this section and has regained such
privileges, as provided in section 9-46a, as amended by this act, if such
person subsequently returns to confinement in a correctional
institution or facility, other than a community residence, from parole
or special parole, from release pursuant to section 18-100, 18-100c, 18-
Sec. 13. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

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

(b) [Upon] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a community residence] of a person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from parole, (1)] (A) the person shall have the right to become an elector, [(2)] (B) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a document certifying that the person has been released from such confinement, [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole, (3)] (C) if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and [(4)] (D) if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in a different municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges
shall be restored or granted upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of the person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to any person convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this title until such person has been discharged from any parole or probation for such felony.

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

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

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

e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility [or a
community residence and, if applicable, discharged from parole.] Such lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such persons, with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which such persons have been convicted. The Secretary [of the State] shall transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities in which such convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions and to the registrars of any municipalities where the [secretary] Secretary believes such persons may be electors."

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