AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF ELECTORS PRIOR TO VOTING.

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

Section 1. Section 9-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials present to hear the same. Each elector who registered to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, as required by section 9-23r, as amended by this act, shall present to the official checker or checkers, before the elector votes, either a current and valid photo identification that shows the elector's name and address or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2) on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement that the elector is the
elctor whose name appears on the official checklist. Such form shall
clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate form shall be
used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted form of
identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the official
checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the official
checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector completes
the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar of voters
or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall examine
the information on such form and either instruct the official checker or
checkers to check the name of such elector on the official checklist,
manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that the form
is incomplete or inaccurate. Such registrar or assistant registrar shall
maintain a log of (A) each elector who completes the form under
subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) each such elector for whom
such form is incomplete or inaccurate.

(b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is
unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary
incapacity, the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or
her. The registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the
case may be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such
elector. The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the
provisions of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in
the presence of the election officials in such manner that the election
officials shall not know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall
place the ballot in the privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark
the elector's name on the official voter list, manually on paper or
electronically, as having voted in person and deliver such ballot and
privacy sleeve to the voting tabulator where such ballot shall be placed
into the tabulator, by the election official, for counting. The moderator
shall record such activity in the moderator's diary.

(c) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote,
pursuant to section 9-431, an unaffiliated elector shall also announce to
the separate table of the official checker or checkers for unaffiliated electors the party in whose primary the elector chooses to vote and the official checker or checkers shall note such party when checking such elector's name on the checklist of unaffiliated electors, manually on paper or electronically, provided such choice shall not alter the elector's unaffiliated status.

(d) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote or in which one party is holding a primary in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the primary, the official checker or checkers shall give to each elector checked manually on paper or electronically, a receipt provided by the registrars of voters, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, specifying either (1) the party with which the elector is enrolled, if any, or (2) in the case of an unaffiliated elector, the party in whose primary the elector has so chosen to vote, and whether the elector is authorized to vote for only a partial ballot.

(e) If not challenged by anyone lawfully present in the polling place, the elector shall be permitted to pass to the separated area to receive the ballot. The elector shall give any receipt the elector has received to a ballot clerk who shall give the elector a ballot to vote only in the primary of the party specified by the receipt. The elector shall be permitted into the voting booth area, and shall then register his or her vote in secret. Having voted, the elector shall immediately exit the voting booth area and deposit the ballot in the voting tabulator and leave the room. No elector shall remain within the voting booth longer than the time necessary to complete the ballot, and, if the elector refuses to leave such booth after completing the ballot, the elector shall at once be removed by the election officials upon order of the moderator. Not more than one elector at a time shall be permitted to be within the enclosed space which the elector occupies while the elector completes his or her ballot, provided an elector may be accompanied within such enclosed space by one or more children who are fifteen
years of age or younger and supervised by the elector, if the elector is
the parent or legal guardian of such children. If any elector, after
entering the voting booth area, asks for further instruction concerning
the manner of voting, the election officials shall give such instructions
or directions to the elector; but no election official instructing or
assisting an elector, except as provided in section 9-264, shall look at
the ballot in such a way as to see the elector's markings or in any
manner seek to influence any such elector in the casting of the elector's
vote.

(f) Not later than ninety days after each primary, election or
referendum, the registrars of voters of each town shall (1) compile a
report of (A) the number of electors who completed the form under
subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, and (B) the number of
such electors for whom such form was incomplete or inaccurate, and
(2) submit such report to the Secretary of the State.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received
through the mail or an application receipt that was previously
provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of
section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an
applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of
voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new
application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice
to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and
address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be
allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to
the checkers at the polling place a preprinted form of identification
pursuant to [subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2)] subdivision (1) of
subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this act.

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 9-23r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2019):

(b) If an individual submits such information pursuant to this section as part of the individual's voter registration application and, with respect to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the registrars of voters are able to match the information submitted with an existing Connecticut identification record bearing the same number, name and date of birth as provided, such individual shall not be required to produce identification when voting in person or by absentee ballot and may sign a statement as described in [subparagraph (B) of] subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this act, in lieu of presenting identification when voting in person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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