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**"AN ACT CONCERNING OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS  
IN POLLING PLACES."**

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

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *October 1, 2019*):

6 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has  
7 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street  
8 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or  
9 checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the  
10 election officials present to hear the same. [Each elector who registered  
11 to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a  
12 "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, as  
13 required by section 9-23r,] Except as provided in subsection (b) of  
14 section 9-23r, as amended by this act, each elector shall present to the  
15 official checker or checkers, before the elector votes, [either] a current  
16 and valid photo identification that shows the elector's name and

17 address. [or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government  
18 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name  
19 and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the  
20 official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any  
21 other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name  
22 and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2)] Each  
23 elector not required to produce such photo identification, in  
24 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-23r, as  
25 amended by this act, shall, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the  
26 State, write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the  
27 elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement  
28 that the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official  
29 checklist. Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. A  
30 separate form shall be used for each such elector [. If the elector  
31 presents a preprinted form of identification under subdivision (1) of  
32 this subsection, the official checker or checkers shall check the name of  
33 such elector on the official checklist, manually on paper or  
34 electronically] not required to produce such photo identification. If the  
35 elector completes the form under [subdivision (2) of] this subsection,  
36 the registrar of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case  
37 may be, shall examine the information on such form and either instruct  
38 the official checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the  
39 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the  
40 elector that the form is incomplete or inaccurate. The official checker  
41 shall, upon checking the name of an elector on the official checklist,  
42 announce such elector's voter identification number in a tone  
43 sufficiently loud and clear as to enable any unofficial checkers to hear  
44 the same.

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

48 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
49 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present  
50 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received

51 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously  
 52 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of  
 53 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an  
 54 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of  
 55 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new  
 56 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice  
 57 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and  
 58 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be  
 59 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to  
 60 the checkers at the polling place a [preprinted form of] current and  
 61 valid photo identification pursuant to [subparagraph (A) of  
 62 subdivision (2) of] subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this  
 63 act.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-261(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-23g(d)(4)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-23r(b)