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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES."**

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

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 Section 9-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

15 address or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government  
16 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name  
17 and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the  
18 official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any  
19 other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name  
20 and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2) on a  
21 form prescribed by the Secretary of the State, write the elector's  
22 residential address and date of birth, print the elector's name and sign  
23 a statement under penalty of false statement that the elector is the  
24 elector whose name appears on the official checklist. Such form shall  
25 clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate form shall be  
26 used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted form of  
27 identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the official  
28 checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the official  
29 checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector completes  
30 the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar of voters  
31 or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall examine  
32 the information on such form and either instruct the official checker or  
33 checkers to check the name of such elector on the official checklist,  
34 manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that the form  
35 is incomplete or inaccurate. Such registrar or assistant registrar shall  
36 maintain a log of (A) each elector who completes the form under  
37 subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) each such elector for whom  
38 such form is incomplete or inaccurate.

39 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is  
40 unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary  
41 incapacity, the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or  
42 her. The registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the  
43 case may be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such  
44 elector. The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the  
45 provisions of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in  
46 the presence of the election officials in such manner that the election  
47 officials shall not know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall  
48 place the ballot in the privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark

49 the elector's name on the official voter list, manually on paper or  
50 electronically, as having voted in person and deliver such ballot and  
51 privacy sleeve to the voting tabulator where such ballot shall be placed  
52 into the tabulator, by the election official, for counting. The moderator  
53 shall record such activity in the moderator's diary.

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

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

74 (e) If not challenged by anyone lawfully present in the polling place,  
75 the elector shall be permitted to pass to the separated area to receive  
76 the ballot. The elector shall give any receipt the elector has received to  
77 a ballot clerk who shall give the elector a ballot to vote only in the  
78 primary of the party specified by the receipt. The elector shall be  
79 permitted into the voting booth area, and shall then register his or her  
80 vote in secret. Having voted, the elector shall immediately exit the  
81 voting booth area and deposit the ballot in the voting tabulator and

82 leave the room. No elector shall remain within the voting booth longer  
83 than the time necessary to complete the ballot, and, if the elector  
84 refuses to leave such booth after completing the ballot, the elector shall  
85 at once be removed by the election officials upon order of the  
86 moderator. Not more than one elector at a time shall be permitted to be  
87 within the enclosed space which the elector occupies while the elector  
88 completes his or her ballot, provided an elector may be accompanied  
89 within such enclosed space by one or more children who are fifteen  
90 years of age or younger and supervised by the elector, if the elector is  
91 the parent or legal guardian of such children. If any elector, after  
92 entering the voting booth area, asks for further instruction concerning  
93 the manner of voting, the election officials shall give such instructions  
94 or directions to the elector; but no election official instructing or  
95 assisting an elector, except as provided in section 9-264, shall look at  
96 the ballot in such a way as to see the elector's markings or in any  
97 manner seek to influence any such elector in the casting of the elector's  
98 vote.

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

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

108 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
109 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present  
110 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received  
111 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously  
112 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of  
113 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an  
114 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of

115 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new  
 116 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice  
 117 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and  
 118 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be  
 119 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to  
 120 the checkers at the polling place a preprinted form of identification  
 121 pursuant to [subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2)] subdivision (1) of  
 122 subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this act.

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

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

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