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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

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) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
17 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
18 election day, provided the registrars of voters have access to the state-
19 wide centralized voter registration system from such location.

20 (2) The registrars of voters [may] shall appoint one or more election
21 officials, including official checkers, to serve at such location and may
22 delegate to such election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to
23 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise such
24 election officials and train such election officials to be election day
25 registration election officials. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
26 construed to prohibit any unofficial checker or challenger from being
27 present at such location.

28 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
29 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
30 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
31 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location
32 designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2)
33 an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher
34 education may submit a current photo identification card issued by
35 [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-
36 20, [and] (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
37 has not previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
38 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
39 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
40 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
41 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
42 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
43 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
44 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
45 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
46 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration
47 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name

48 and current address.

49 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
50 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
51 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
52 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

53 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
54 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
55 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

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

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

80 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

81 (B) [If there is no such] Unless there is a report that such applicant
82 has not already voted in the other municipality, such applicant shall
83 not receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of
84 voters of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register,
85 [shall admit the applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector
86 shall attach immediately] For any such applicant, the election day
87 registration process shall cease in the municipality in which such
88 applicant now seeks to register until such time as such report is made.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

108 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not

109 vote otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

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

112 (Signature of voter)

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

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

139 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
140 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation

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

149 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
150 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of
151 persons applying for election day registration as described in
152 subsection (d) of this section, (II) the number of such persons not
153 permitted to register in accordance with subparagraph (A) of
154 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, (III) the number of
155 registration confirmation notices sent to admitted applicants, pursuant
156 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned undelivered,
157 and (IV) the number of such admitted applicants that were
158 subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such
159 notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1)
160 of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the
161 Secretary of the State.

162 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the
163 Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the
164 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one single
165 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing
166 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
167 relating to elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State
168 Elections Enforcement Commission.

169 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
170 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
171 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such
172 applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in
173 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all

174 information resulting in such determination to the State Elections
175 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
176 matter.

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

187 (k) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which
188 registrars of voters and other elections officials serving at designated
189 election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying
190 to register on election day under this section, which persons are
191 registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such
192 other state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars
193 or election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot
194 until such process has been developed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-19j