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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 24

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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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 appoint one or more election  
21 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election  
22 officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.  
23 The registrars of voters shall supervise such election officials and train  
24 such election officials to be election day registration election officials.

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

43 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name  
44 and current address.

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

49 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not  
50 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as  
51 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately,  
52 except that if the applicant is a student enrolled at an institution of  
53 higher education who was registered to vote in a jurisdiction outside  
54 of this state, the registrars of voters shall not so admit the applicant  
55 and the privileges of an elector shall not so attach until the applicant  
56 advises the registrars of voters of the address in such jurisdiction  
57 under which the applicant was previously registered to vote.

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

70 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
71 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
72 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
73 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
74 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters

75 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any  
76 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the  
77 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such  
78 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality  
79 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such  
80 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall  
81 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which  
82 shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

105 such prior registration.

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

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

110 .... (Signature of voter)

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

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

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

147 (2) In addition to the requirements set forth in subdivision (1) of this  
 148 subsection, after the acceptance of an election day registration of a  
 149 student enrolled at an institution of higher education pursuant to  
 150 subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section, the registrars of voters  
 151 shall forthwith notify the appropriate official of the jurisdiction outside  
 152 of this state in which such student was registered to vote that such  
 153 student has been admitted as an elector.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j