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"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

1 Strike section 4 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 4. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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) (A) 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 (B) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State,
21 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
22 additional location for the completion and processing of election day
23 registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of
24 voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before election day.
25 Upon approval of any such application by the Secretary, the registrars
26 of voters may so designate any such additional location.

27 (2) The registrars of voters [may] shall appoint one or more election
28 officials, including official checkers, to serve at any such location and
29 may delegate to such election officials any of the responsibilities
30 assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall
31 supervise such election officials and train such election officials to be
32 election day registration election officials. Nothing in this subdivision
33 shall be construed to prohibit any unofficial checker or challenger from
34 being present at such location.

35 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
36 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
37 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
38 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person [at the] not
39 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of
40 section 9-174, as amended by this act, at any location designated by the
41 registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is
42 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a
43 current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in
44 lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant
45 shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in
46 the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide

47 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
48 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the
49 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
50 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's
51 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the
52 applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is
53 not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student
54 enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee
55 statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
56 current address.

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

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

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

76 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
77 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
78 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which

79 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
80 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
81 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
82 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
83 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
84 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
85 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
86 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
87 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement
88 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

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

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

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

104 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
105 indicated.

106 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
107 complete.

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

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

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

114 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
115 and received an election day registration ballot.

116 (Signature of voter)

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

138 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
139 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
140 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,

141 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
142 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

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

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

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