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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 appoint one or more election
28 officials to serve at any such location and may delegate to such election
29 officials any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
30 The registrars of voters shall supervise such election officials and train
31 such election officials to be election day registration election officials.

32 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
33 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
34 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
35 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person [at the] not
36 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of
37 section 9-174, as amended by this act, at any location designated by the
38 registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is
39 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a
40 current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in
41 lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, [and] (3) the
42 applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not
43 previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
44 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
45 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
46 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

102 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
103 indicated.

104 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
105 complete.

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

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

109 such prior registration.

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

112 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
113 and received an election day registration ballot.

114 (Signature of voter)

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

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j