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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7160    File No. 754    Cal. No. 452

"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

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

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election, as defined in section 9-1, is held.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1) is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a) of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
(c) (1) (A) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the completion and processing of election day registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of voters have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location.

(B) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the completion and processing of election day registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before election day. Upon approval of any such application by the Secretary, the registrars of voters may so designate any such additional location.

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

(d) Any person applying to register on election day under the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person [at the] not later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, at any location designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's
bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

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

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

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

(A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
review, if a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such
matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement
Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
such prior registration.
6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

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

.... (Signature of voter)

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

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

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

(2) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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