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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7160

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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 applicant  
42 shall declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in  
43 the election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide  
44 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section  
45 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the  
46 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 100 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.
- 101 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town  
102 indicated.
- 103 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
104 complete.
- 105 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.
- 106 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such  
107 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of  
108 such prior registration.

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

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

113 .... (Signature of voter)

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

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

140 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the

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

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

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

170 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the  
171 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in  
172 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or  
173 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another

174 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in  
175 use as an entry to any location designated by the [registrars'] registrars  
176 of voters [designated location] for election day registration balloting or  
177 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such  
178 outside entrance to any such [registrars' of voters designated] location  
179 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or  
180 approach."

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