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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):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 section.
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(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 statewide 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 and proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this section, 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.] If it is reported that such applicant did not already vote in such other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this section, and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

(C) If, at the time the applicant is appearing in person at the location designated for election day registration, there is no report under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which such applicant seeks to register shall note the absence of any such report and proceed in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section without admitting such applicant at such time.

(f) [If the applicant is admitted] (1) Upon admission of the applicant as an elector pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of said subsection, 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.

(2) For any applicant described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision
(2) of subsection (e) of this section, the registrar of voters shall provide such applicant with an election day registration ballot and election day registration envelope and make a record of such issuance, provided, if before the time at which counting of election day registration ballots begins, there is (A) a report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision for such applicant, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as an elector, the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately and such elector's election day registration ballot shall be counted, and (B) no report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision for such applicant, such applicant shall not be admitted as an elector and such applicant's election day registration ballot shall not be counted.

(3) The elector or applicant, as applicable, 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] he or she 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 indicated.

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

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 or applicant, as applicable, 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 or applicant 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, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section, 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) 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.

(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 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.

(k) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which registrars of voters and other election officials serving at designated election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying to register on election day under this section, which persons are registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such other state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars or election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot until such process has been developed."

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

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