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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 and proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of
60 subsection (f) of this section, the registrars of voters shall admit the
61 applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach
62 immediately.

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

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

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

88 (B) [If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in
89 the other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in
90 which the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an
91 elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.] If it is
92 reported that such applicant did not already vote in such other
93 municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
94 applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
95 proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this
96 section, and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

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

104 (f) [If the applicant is admitted] (1) Upon admission of the applicant
105 as an elector pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this
106 section or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of said subsection, the
107 registrars of voters shall provide the elector with an election day
108 registration ballot and election day registration envelope and [shall]
109 make a record of such issuance.

110 (2) For any applicant described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision

111 (2) of subsection (e) of this section, the registrar of voters shall provide
112 such applicant with an election day registration ballot and election day
113 registration envelope and make a record of such issuance, provided, if
114 before the time at which counting of election day registration ballots
115 begins, there is (A) a report under subparagraph (B) of said
116 subdivision for such applicant, the registrars of voters shall admit the
117 applicant as an elector, the privileges of an elector shall attach
118 immediately and such elector's election day registration ballot shall be
119 counted, and (B) no report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision
120 for such applicant, such applicant shall not be admitted as an elector
121 and such applicant's election day registration ballot shall not be
122 counted.

123 (3) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall complete an
124 affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope for an election
125 day registration ballot and shall declare under oath that [the applicant]
126 he or she has not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall
127 be in the form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

143 (Signature of voter)

144 (g) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall forthwith mark the
145 election day registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of
146 voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall not know
147 how the election day registration ballot is marked. The elector or
148 applicant shall place the election day registration ballot in the election
149 day registration ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope
150 in a secured election day registration ballot depository receptacle. At
151 the time designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election
152 officials, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
153 containing the election day registration ballots to the central location or
154 polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where
155 absentee ballots are counted and, except as provided in subparagraph
156 (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section, such election day
157 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at
158 such central location or polling place. A section of the head
159 moderator's return shall show the number of election day registration
160 ballots received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy
161 of the vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository
162 envelope with the election day registration ballots and store such
163 election day registration depository envelope with the other election
164 results materials. The election day registration depository envelope
165 shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time
166 required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

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

172 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars

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

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

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

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