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"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2019*):

6 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
7 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street
8 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or
9 checkers in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the
10 election officials present to hear the same. [Each elector who registered
11 to vote by mail for the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a
12 "mark" next to the elector's name on the official registry list, as
13 required by section 9-23r,] Except as provided in subsection (b) of
14 section 9-23r, as amended by this act, each elector shall present to the
15 official checker or checkers, before the elector votes, [either] a current
16 and valid photo identification that shows the elector's name and
17 address. [or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government

18 check, paycheck or other government document that shows the name
19 and address of the elector. Each other elector shall (1) present to the
20 official checker or checkers the elector's Social Security card or any
21 other preprinted form of identification which shows the elector's name
22 and either the elector's address, signature or photograph, or (2)] Each
23 elector not required to produce such photo identification, in
24 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 9-23r, as
25 amended by this act, shall, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the
26 State, write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the
27 elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement
28 that the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official
29 checklist. Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. A
30 separate form shall be used for each such elector [. If the elector
31 presents a preprinted form of identification under subdivision (1) of
32 this subsection, the official checker or checkers shall check the name of
33 such elector on the official checklist, manually on paper or
34 electronically] not required to produce such photo identification. If the
35 elector completes the form under [subdivision (2) of] this subsection,
36 the registrar of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case
37 may be, shall examine the information on such form and either instruct
38 the official checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the
39 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the
40 elector that the form is incomplete or inaccurate.

41 Sec. 502. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the
42 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
43 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

44 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
45 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present
46 to the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received
47 through the mail or an application receipt that was previously
48 provided to the applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of
49 section 9-19h, subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an
50 applicant presents said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of
51 voters find the original application or the applicant submits a new

52 application at the polls, the registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice
 53 to and approval by the registrar, shall add such person's name and
 54 address to the official check list on such day and the person shall be
 55 allowed to vote if otherwise eligible to vote and the person presents to
 56 the checkers at the polling place a [preprinted form of] current and
 57 valid photo identification pursuant to [subparagraph (A) of
 58 subdivision (2) of] subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this
 59 act.

60 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23r of the general statutes is
 61 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 62 *October 1, 2019*):

63 (b) If an individual submits such information pursuant to this
 64 section as part of the individual's voter registration application and,
 65 with respect to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section,
 66 the registrars of voters are able to match the information submitted
 67 with an existing Connecticut identification record bearing the same
 68 number, name and date of birth as provided, such individual shall not
 69 be required to produce photo identification when voting in person or
 70 by absentee ballot and may sign a statement as described in
 71 [subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of] subsection (a) of section 9-261,
 72 as amended by this act, in lieu of presenting photo identification when
 73 voting in person."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-261(a)
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-23g(d)(4)
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-23r(b)