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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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
 151 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
 152 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such
 153 applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in
 154 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall submit a report
 155 of all information resulting in such determination to the State Elections
 156 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
 157 matter. Such registrars shall also submit a copy of such report to the
 158 Secretary of the State.

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

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

