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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of  
4 this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,  
5 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)  
7 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who  
8 wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality  
9 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
10 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)  
11 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day  
12 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this  
13 section.

14 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the

15 completion and processing of election day registration applications on  
16 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to  
17 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,  
18 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the  
19 State not later than thirty-one days before such election day. The written  
20 certification required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision  
21 shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant contact  
22 information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and address  
23 of each election official appointed to serve at such location, if any, and  
24 (iii) provide a description of the design of such location and a plan for  
25 effective completion and processing of such applications. Upon review  
26 of such written certification, the Secretary may require the registrars of  
27 voters to appoint one or more additional election officials or to alter such  
28 design or plan.

29 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State, in  
30 a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any  
31 additional location for the completion and processing of election day  
32 registration applications on election day, provided the registrars of  
33 voters shall so apply not later than ninety days before election day.  
34 Upon approval of any such application by the Secretary, the registrars  
35 of voters may so designate any such additional location.

36 [(2)] (3) The registrars of voters may [appoint one or more election  
37 officials to serve at such location and may delegate to such election  
38 officials] delegate to each election official appointed pursuant to  
39 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of the responsibilities  
40 assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall  
41 supervise each such election [officials] official and train each such  
42 election [officials] official to be an election day registration election  
43 [officials] official.

44 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the  
45 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make  
46 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided  
47 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than

48 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, as  
49 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of  
50 voters for election day registration, (2) an applicant who is a student  
51 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current  
52 photo identification card issued by [said] such institution in lieu of the  
53 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall  
54 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the  
55 election. If the information that the applicant is required to provide  
56 under section 9-20 and subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section  
57 does not include proof of the applicant's residential address, the  
58 applicant shall also submit identification that shows the applicant's  
59 bona fide residence address, including, but not limited to, a learner's  
60 permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's  
61 name and current address and that has a due date that is not later than  
62 thirty days after the election or, in the case of a student enrolled at an  
63 institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such  
64 institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

65 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the  
66 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the  
67 registrars of voters shall [check the state-wide centralized voter  
68 registration system before admitting] admit such applicant as an elector  
69 and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

70 [(1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not  
71 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as  
72 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

73 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
74 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she  
75 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,  
76 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters  
77 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall  
78 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality  
79 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is  
80 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify

81 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from  
82 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall  
83 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"  
84 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

85 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
86 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
87 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
88 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
89 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters  
90 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any  
91 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the  
92 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such  
93 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality  
94 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such  
95 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall  
96 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which shall  
97 conduct an investigation of the matter.

98 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the  
99 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
100 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and  
101 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.]

102 (f) [If the applicant is admitted] Upon admission of the applicant as  
103 an elector, the registrars of voters shall provide the elector with an  
104 election day registration ballot and election day registration envelope  
105 and shall make a record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an  
106 affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope for an election day  
107 registration ballot and shall declare under oath that the applicant has  
108 not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall be in the form  
109 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

113 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town  
114 indicated.

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

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

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

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

123 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot  
124 and received an election day registration ballot.

125 .... (Signature of voter)

126 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration  
127 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that  
128 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration  
129 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration  
130 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and  
131 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot  
132 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters  
133 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport  
134 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the  
135 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-  
136 147a, where absentee ballots are counted and such election day  
137 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at  
138 such central location or polling place. A section of the head moderator's  
139 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots  
140 received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the  
141 vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository envelope  
142 with the election day registration ballots and store such election day

143 registration depository envelope with the other election results  
144 materials. The election day registration depository envelope shall be  
145 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to  
146 preserve counted ballots for elections.

147 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning  
148 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee  
149 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and  
150 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),  
151 inclusive, of this section.

152 (i) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the registrars  
153 of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation notice to the  
154 residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an elector on  
155 election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section. Such  
156 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the  
157 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on  
158 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the  
159 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with  
160 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first  
161 deadline in section 9-35.

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

172 Sec. 2. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

174 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act

175 or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, or at any  
176 special election held to fill a vacancy in a state, district or municipal  
177 office, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until  
178 eight o'clock p.m. No elector shall be permitted to cast his vote after the  
179 hour prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such  
180 elector is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police  
181 official of the municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall  
182 be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official shall  
183 not allow any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to  
184 enter such line.

185 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute, special act  
186 or municipal charter to the contrary, at any regular election, each  
187 location designated for election day registration pursuant to subsection  
188 (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall remain open for election  
189 day registration and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.  
190 No applicant for election day registration shall be admitted as an elector  
191 or permitted to cast such applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for  
192 the closing of the location designated for such purposes in any regular  
193 election unless such applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election  
194 official or a police official of the municipality, who is appointed by the  
195 registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock  
196 p.m. Such official shall not allow any applicants who were not in such  
197 line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

198 Sec. 3. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

200 (a) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to  
201 confinement in a federal or other state correctional institution or facility  
202 or community residence shall have such person's electoral privileges  
203 restored [upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the  
204 conviction and] once such person has been [discharged] released from  
205 confinement. [, and, if applicable, parole.]

206 (b) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution or

207 facility or [a] community residence of a person who has been convicted  
208 of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of  
209 Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from  
210 parole,] (1) the person shall have the right to become an elector, (2) the  
211 Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a document certifying  
212 that the person has been released from such confinement, [and, if  
213 applicable, has been discharged from parole,] (3) if the person was an  
214 elector at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release, [and  
215 any such discharge,] is residing in the same municipality in which the  
216 person resided at the time of such felony conviction, the person's  
217 electoral privileges shall be restored, and (4) if the person was an elector  
218 at the time of such felony conviction and, after such release, [and any  
219 such discharge,] is residing in a different municipality or if the person  
220 was not an elector at the time of such felony conviction, the person's  
221 electoral privileges shall be restored or granted upon submitting to an  
222 admitting official satisfactory proof of the person's qualifications to be  
223 admitted as an elector. The provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4),  
224 inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to any person convicted of a  
225 felony for a violation of any provision of this title until such person has  
226 been discharged from any parole or probation for such felony.

227 (c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is  
228 admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,  
229 within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted, shall  
230 notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such person  
231 resided at the time of such person's conviction that such person's  
232 electoral rights have been so restored.

233 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to  
234 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and  
235 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a  
236 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are  
237 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant to  
238 subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have such  
239 privileges restored. The Office of Adult Probation shall, within available  
240 appropriations, inform such persons who are on probation on January

241 1, 2002, of their right to become electors and procedures to have their  
242 electoral privileges restored, which shall be in accordance with  
243 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

244 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth  
245 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all  
246 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said  
247 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been  
248 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a  
249 community residence. [and, if applicable, discharged from parole.] Such  
250 lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such persons,  
251 with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which such persons  
252 have been convicted. The Secretary of the State shall transmit such lists  
253 to the registrars of the municipalities in which such convicted persons  
254 resided at the time of their convictions and to the registrars of any  
255 municipalities where the secretary believes such persons may be  
256 electors.

257 Sec. 4. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

259 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department and the  
260 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make voter registration information  
261 and materials available to the public. Such information and materials  
262 shall be placed in public areas of the offices of such departments. The  
263 State Library and the libraries of the state's public institutions of higher  
264 education shall also make such information and materials available to  
265 users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State shall provide such  
266 departments, such libraries and any libraries open to the public with  
267 suitable nonpartisan literature, materials and voter registration  
268 application forms authorized under sections 9-23g and 9-23h. [The  
269 secretary shall also provide to the Department of Social Services, the  
270 Labor Department and the Department of Motor Vehicles any furniture  
271 needed to display such literature, materials and forms.]

272 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,

273 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
274 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall  
275 include an application for the admission of an elector with each  
276 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a  
277 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under  
278 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form  
279 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such  
280 application form for the admission of an elector [(1)] (A) shall be subject  
281 to the approval of the Secretary of the State, [(2)] (B) shall not include  
282 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and [(3)] (C) shall  
283 contain a statement that [(A)] (i) specifies each eligibility requirement,  
284 [(B)] (ii) contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such  
285 requirement, and [(C)] (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under  
286 penalty of perjury. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept  
287 any such completed application for admission which is submitted in  
288 person, [or by mail. The] by mail or through an electronic system  
289 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as provided in said  
290 subdivision, applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of  
291 perjury, the applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth,  
292 whether the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any,  
293 prior voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's  
294 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a  
295 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the  
296 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed  
297 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall  
298 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to  
299 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it  
300 is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for  
301 registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the  
302 applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the  
303 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the  
304 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official  
305 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The  
306 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was  
307 submitted in person, [or] by mail or through an electronic system

308 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall  
309 forthwith transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the  
310 applicant's town of residence. If a registration application is accepted  
311 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular  
312 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters  
313 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days  
314 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)  
315 and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National  
316 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to  
317 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The  
318 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the  
319 provisions of section 9-46a, as amended by this act, electoral privileges  
320 of persons convicted of a felony.

321 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an  
322 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to  
323 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding  
324 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an  
325 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be  
326 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by  
327 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification  
328 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such  
329 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an  
330 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any  
331 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter  
332 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

333 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the  
334 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for  
335 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
336 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for  
337 admission as an elector, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an  
338 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of  
339 voters of such person's residence through an electronic system pursuant  
340 to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1)  
341 of this subsection, except that no such application shall be transmitted if

342 such person declines to apply for such admission.

343 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a  
344 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
345 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said  
346 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for  
347 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this  
348 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission  
349 on behalf of such person.

350 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person  
351 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle  
352 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,  
353 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a  
354 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application  
355 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this  
356 subdivision.

357 Sec. 5. Section 9-19i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
358 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

359 (a) Any change of address form submitted by a person in accordance  
360 with law for purposes of a motor vehicle operator's license shall serve  
361 as notification of change of address for voter registration for the person  
362 unless the person states on the form that the change of address is not for  
363 voter registration purposes. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall  
364 forthwith transmit such change of address information to the registrars  
365 of voters of the town of the former address of the person. If the name of  
366 the person appears on the registry list of the town, and if the new  
367 address is also within such town, the registrars shall enter the name of  
368 such elector on the registry list at the place where he then resides. If the  
369 name of the person appears on the registry list of the town and if the  
370 new address is outside such town, the registrars shall remove the name  
371 of such elector from the registry list and send the elector the notice,  
372 information and application required by subsection (c) of section 9-35,  
373 except that if said commissioner is using an electronic system pursuant

374 to subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary of the State may prescribe  
375 alternative procedures for sending such notice and information and  
376 may waive the requirement to send such application.

377 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an electronic  
378 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate  
379 the purposes of subsection (a) of this section regarding notifications of  
380 change of address for voter registration. Such electronic system may  
381 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature  
382 on file with said commissioner. The use of any such electronic system  
383 shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-  
384 31, as amended from time to time.

385 Sec. 6. Section 9-19k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
386 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

387 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system for  
388 online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered  
389 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant  
390 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)  
391 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in  
392 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) (A) signature is in a database  
393 described in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported  
394 into such system for online voter registration, or (B) signature has been  
395 electronically submitted by the applicant directly to the Secretary in a  
396 form and manner prescribed by the Secretary and such signature may  
397 be used with such system.

398 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall  
399 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems  
400 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The  
401 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by  
402 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's  
403 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any  
404 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the  
405 information submitted by applicants. The Secretary shall not use the

406 information obtained from any such database except to verify  
407 information submitted by the applicant, provided the applicant's  
408 signature, if part of data contained in the state agency's database, shall  
409 be included as part of the applicant's information contained in the  
410 system for online voter registration.

411 (c) The submission of an online application shall contain all of the  
412 information that is required for an application under section 9-23h,  
413 except that a signature shall be obtained (1) from another state agency's  
414 database pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or (2) electronically  
415 from the applicant directly in a form and manner prescribed by the  
416 Secretary of the State.

417 (d) In order for an applicant's registration or change in registration to  
418 be approved, the applicant shall mark the box associated with the  
419 following statement included as part of the online application:

420 "By clicking on the box below, I swear or affirm all of the following  
421 under penalty of perjury:

422 (1) I am the person whose name and identifying information is  
423 provided on this form, and I desire to register to vote in the State of  
424 Connecticut.

425 (2) All of the information I have provided on this form is true and  
426 correct as of the date I am submitting this form.

427 (3) If I have not already submitted my signature electronically to the  
428 Connecticut Secretary of the State, I authorize the Department of Motor  
429 Vehicles or any other Connecticut state agency to transmit to the  
430 [Connecticut] Secretary of the State or my town's registrars of voters my  
431 signature that is on file with such agency, and I understand that such  
432 signature will be used by the Secretary of the State or my town's  
433 registrars of voters on this online application for admission as an elector  
434 as if I had signed this form personally."

435 (e) Upon approval of such application, the registrars of voters shall

436 send a notice of approval pursuant to section 9-19b to the applicant.

437 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this  
438 section after the seventh day before an election or after the fifth day  
439 before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the  
440 day after such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the  
441 registrars of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone or  
442 mail, in order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late received  
443 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in  
444 person.

445 (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the registrars of voters or any  
446 election official appointed by such registrars of voters to admit any  
447 applicant as an elector from utilizing the online voter registration  
448 system established pursuant to this section for the purpose of admitting  
449 such applicant on election day pursuant to section 9-19j, as amended by  
450 this act.

451 (h) The Secretary of the State shall develop and implement a system  
452 through which the Secretary may permit any person to submit an  
453 electronic signature for the purpose of signing any form or application  
454 to be filed pursuant to chapters 141 to 154, inclusive. The Secretary may  
455 include in, or exclude from, such system any such form or application.  
456 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any such form or  
457 application on which any such electronic signature appears shall be  
458 deemed to have been signed in the original.

459 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is  
460 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
461 *passage*):

462 (b) [Voter registration agencies shall] (1) Except as provided in  
463 subdivision (2) of this subsection, each voter agency shall (A) distribute  
464 mail voter registration application forms, [(2)] (B) assist applicants for  
465 [such] service or assistance [or services] provided by the agency in  
466 completing voter registration application forms, except for applicants  
467 who refuse [such] assistance in completing such forms, [(3)] (C) accept

468 completed voter registration application forms and provide each  
469 applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency shall record  
470 the date that the agency received the application, using an official date  
471 stamp bearing the name of the agency, and ~~[(4)]~~ (D) immediately  
472 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of  
473 voting residence of the applicants. The agency shall provide such receipt  
474 whether the application was submitted in person, ~~[or]~~ by mail or  
475 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
476 subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five days  
477 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the  
478 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of  
479 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date  
480 of acceptance. ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this  
481 subsection, the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed  
482 mail voter registration application form, without indicating the identity  
483 of the voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such  
484 agency, to ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an  
485 election if it is received by the registration agency by the last day for  
486 registration to vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily  
487 engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities provides  
488 services to a person with a disability at the person's home, the agency  
489 shall provide such voter registration services at the person's home. The  
490 procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not  
491 inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L.  
492 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made  
493 under this section. Officials and employees of such voter registration  
494 agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may  
495 not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, as amended by this  
496 act, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

497 (2) Each voter registration agency may use an electronic system,  
498 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate the  
499 purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding applications for  
500 voter registration. Such electronic system may provide for the  
501 transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature on file with such

502 agency or the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The use of any such  
503 electronic system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act  
504 of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

505 Sec. 8. Section 9-23o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
506 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

507 A voter registration agency, as defined in section 9-23n, as amended  
508 by this act, shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of  
509 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, and shall (1) distribute  
510 with each application for service or assistance provided by the agency,  
511 and with each recertification, renewal or change of address form  
512 relating to such service or assistance a mail voter registration application  
513 form approved by the Secretary of the State, or (2) provide, during each  
514 application for such service or assistance and each recertification,  
515 renewal or change of address relating thereto, an opportunity to apply  
516 for voter registration through an electronic system pursuant to  
517 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of said section, unless the applicant  
518 declines to register to vote pursuant to the provisions of the National  
519 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to  
520 time. Such declination shall be in writing, except in the case of an  
521 application for service or assistance provided by a library, or a  
522 recertification, renewal or change of address form relating to such  
523 library service or assistance. Such voter registration agency shall  
524 provide each applicant to register to vote the same degree of assistance  
525 with regard to the completion of the registration application form as is  
526 provided by the agency with regard to the completion of its own forms,  
527 unless the applicant refuses such assistance.

528 Sec. 9. Section 9-23p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
529 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

530 Each public institution of higher education shall (1) distribute mail  
531 voter registration application forms, (2) provide opportunities to apply  
532 for voter registration through an electronic system, and [(2)] (3) assist  
533 applicants who request assistance in completing such voter registration

534 application forms or applying for voter registration through such  
 535 electronic system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-174
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	9-46a
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-19i
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-23o
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-23p

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) require registrars of voters to certify certain information regarding designated locations for election day registration, permit the Secretary to order any changes deemed necessary for the effective conduct of election day registration and eliminate the requirement to perform a cross-check before admitting an applicant for election day registration, (2) permit applicants in line for election day registration prior to eight o'clock p.m. to be admitted as electors and cast a vote in a regular election, (3) restore, without the payment of certain fines, the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole, (4) establish processes at certain state agencies for eligible individuals to automatically apply for voter registration, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to develop a system through which election-related forms can be signed electronically.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*