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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF ELECTION DAY
REGISTRATION.**

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2020*):

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 the registrars of voters have access to the state-
17 wide centralized voter registration system from such location.

18 (2) The registrars of voters [may] shall appoint one or more election
19 officials, including official checkers, to serve at such location and may
20 delegate to such election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to
21 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise such
22 election officials and train such election officials to be election day
23 registration election officials. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
24 construed to prohibit any unofficial checker or challenger from being
25 present at such location.

26 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
27 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
28 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
29 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location
30 designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2) an
31 applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher education
32 may submit a current photo identification card issued by [said] such
33 institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-20, [and] (3)
34 the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant has not
35 previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
36 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
37 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
38 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
39 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
40 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
41 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
42 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
43 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
44 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or
45 fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
46 current address.

47 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
48 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
49 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
50 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

51 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
52 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
53 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

54 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
55 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
56 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
57 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
58 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
59 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
60 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
61 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
62 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
63 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall
64 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
65 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

66 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
67 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
68 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
69 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
70 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
71 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
72 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
73 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
74 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
75 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
76 review, if a resolution of the matter can not be made, such matter shall
77 be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission which shall
78 conduct an investigation of the matter.

79 (B) [If there is no such] Unless there is a report that such applicant has
80 not already voted in the other municipality, such applicant shall not
81 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
82 of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register. [shall admit
83 the applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach
84 immediately.] For any such applicant, the election day registration
85 process shall cease in the municipality in which such applicant now
86 seeks to register until such time as such report is made.

87 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
88 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
89 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
90 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
91 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
92 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
93 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and
94 signed by the voter:

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

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

98 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
99 indicated.

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

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

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

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

108 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
109 and received an election day registration ballot.

110 (Signature of voter)

111 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
112 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
113 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration
114 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration
115 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and
116 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot
117 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters
118 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport
119 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the
120 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-
121 147a, where absentee ballots are counted and such election day
122 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at
123 such central location or polling place. A section of the head moderator's
124 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots
125 received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the
126 vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository envelope
127 with the election day registration ballots and store such election day
128 registration depository envelope with the other election results
129 materials. The election day registration depository envelope shall be
130 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to
131 preserve counted ballots for elections.

132 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning
133 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee
134 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and
135 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),
136 inclusive, of this section.

137 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
138 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
139 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an

140 elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
141 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
142 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
143 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned
144 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
145 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the
146 May first deadline in section 9-35.

147 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
148 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons
149 applying for election day registration as described in subsection (d) of
150 this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to register in
151 accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
152 of this section, (III) the number of registration confirmation notices sent
153 to admitted applicants, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
154 that were returned undelivered, and (IV) the number of such admitted
155 applicants that were subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as
156 a result of such notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with
157 subdivision (1) of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such
158 report to the Secretary of the State.

159 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the
160 Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the
161 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one single
162 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing committee
163 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
164 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State Elections
165 Enforcement Commission.

166 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
167 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
168 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant
169 was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision
170 (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information
171 resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement
172 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

173 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the candidacy
174 of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in opposition to any
175 question being submitted at the election, or loiter or peddle or offer any
176 advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within a radius
177 of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry to the
178 registrars' of voters designated location for election day registration
179 balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from
180 any such outside entrance to such registrars' of voters designated
181 location or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway
182 or approach.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2020	9-19j

Statement of Purpose:

To implement several reforms concerning the integrity of election day registration procedures.

[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.]