



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6362**

LCO No. 1837



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

REP. ELLIOTT, 88th Dist.  
REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.  
REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND  
ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES.***

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

1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to (1) identify  
2 organizations and institutions best suited to help provide to  
3 incarcerated individuals information and other resources concerning  
4 candidates and policy issues, (2) require local election officials to  
5 develop plans to assist eligible incarcerated individuals in both  
6 registering to vote and actually voting, (3) require the Secretary of the  
7 State and the Commissioner of Correction to coordinate on efforts to  
8 facilitate voter education, identify eligible voters and develop  
9 procedures for supervised ballot submission, (4) provide that no person  
10 who voted while incarcerated may be held liable for failing to withdraw  
11 such person's absentee ballot or voting in person after submitting such  
12 absentee ballot, (5) provide that no incarcerated person who is ineligible

13 to vote may be held liable for inadvertently misrepresenting such  
14 person's eligibility and seeking to apply for an absentee ballot, (6)  
15 establish a Department of Correction Registrar of Voters, permit local  
16 election officials in municipalities without correctional facilities to  
17 provide assistance to local election officials in municipalities with such  
18 facilities or provide additional funding to local election officials in  
19 municipalities with such facilities, (7) establish polling places in jails  
20 where periods of incarceration are shorter and promote absentee voting  
21 in prisons where such periods are longer, and (8) involve currently and  
22 formerly incarcerated individuals in the implementation of such voting  
23 initiatives.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement several reforms regarding voting by incarcerated individuals who have not forfeited their electoral privileges.