



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6408**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2022*):

3 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and]  
4 the Department of Motor Vehicles and each housing authority, as  
5 defined in section 8-39, shall make voter registration information and  
6 materials available to the public. Such information and materials shall  
7 be placed in public areas of the offices of such departments and  
8 authorities. The State Library and the libraries of the state's public  
9 institutions of higher education shall also make such information and  
10 materials available to users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State  
11 shall provide such departments, such housing authorities, such libraries  
12 and any libraries open to the public with suitable nonpartisan literature,  
13 materials and voter registration application forms authorized under  
14 sections 9-23g and 9-23h. The secretary shall also provide to the  
15 Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and] the  
16 Department of Motor Vehicles and each housing authority any furniture  
17 needed to display such literature, materials and forms.

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

19 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall  
20 include an application for the admission of an elector with each  
21 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a  
22 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under  
23 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form  
24 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such  
25 application form for the admission of an elector (1) shall be subject to  
26 the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include any  
27 provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a  
28 statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains an  
29 attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (C)  
30 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. The  
31 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed  
32 application for admission which is submitted in person or by mail. The  
33 applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the  
34 applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth, whether the  
35 applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting  
36 address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's privileges as  
37 an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social  
38 Security number on any such application form for the admission of an  
39 elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or  
40 to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each  
41 such form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any  
42 eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by  
43 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to  
44 vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with  
45 an application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State  
46 and on which the commissioner shall record the date that the  
47 commissioner received the application, using an official date stamp  
48 bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner  
49 shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in  
50 person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the  
51 application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of  
52 residence. If a registration application is accepted within five days  
53 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the

