



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 825**

LCO No. 2541



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
SEN. LESSER, 9th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION,  
ABSENTEE VOTING AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS  
AND REFERENDA.**

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) codify the  
2 memorandum of understanding implementing automatic voter  
3 registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and expand automatic  
4 voter registration to include other state agencies capable of similar  
5 implementation, (2) allow electors to vote by absentee ballot for the  
6 duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, (3) make permanent the use of  
7 absentee ballot drop boxes initially employed for the 2020 state election  
8 cycle, (4) provide for increased funding, including compensation, for  
9 officials involved in the administration of elections at the local level, and  
10 (5) make certain changes to the conduct of municipal referenda.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) implement automatic voter registration at additional state  
agencies, (2) allow absentee voting during the COVID-19 pandemic, (3)  
make permanent the use of absentee ballot drop boxes, (4) increase

funding for local election administrators, and (5) make certain changes regarding municipal referenda.