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ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
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**AN ACT EXTENDING TO JUNE 30, 2021, CHANGES IMPLEMENTED  
FOR THE 2020 STATE ELECTION AS A RESULT OF COVID-19.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any  
4 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if  
5 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's  
6 polling place during the hours of voting for any of the following reasons:  
7 (1) Such elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the  
8 United States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of  
9 such elector's or person's voting residence during all of the hours of  
10 voting; (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or person's  
11 physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's religion  
12 forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election or referendum;  
13 (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's duties as a  
14 primary, election or referendum official, including as a town clerk or

15 registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling place  
16 other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours of  
17 voting at such primary, election or referendum; or (7) for the state  
18 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or  
19 after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, the  
20 sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the  
21 respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on  
22 February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof  
23 recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

24 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for  
25 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to  
26 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

27 Sec. 2. Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (a) Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk,  
30 inserted in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed and  
31 which shall have printed on its face a form containing the following  
32 statements:

33 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee  
34 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum  
35 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I  
36 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of  
37 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the  
38 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my  
39 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the  
40 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my  
41 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election  
42 or referendum; or (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum  
43 official.

44 Date ....

45 .... (Signature)"

46 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
47 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum  
48 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,  
49 each inner envelope in which an absentee ballot is returned to the  
50 municipal clerk shall have printed on its face a form containing the  
51 following statements:

52 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee  
53 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum  
54 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I  
55 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place during the hours of  
56 voting at such primary, election or referendum for one or more of the  
57 following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces; (2) my  
58 absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote during all of the  
59 hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my  
60 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election  
61 or referendum; (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum  
62 official; or (6) the sickness of COVID-19.

63 Date ....

64 .... (Signature)"

65 Sec. 3. Section 9-139b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
66 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

67 (a) The Secretary of the State may make any changes in any forms  
68 prescribed by this chapter which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are  
69 necessary to conform to the applicable provisions of federal law.

70 (b) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
71 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
72 July 1, 2021, the Secretary of the State may make any changes in any  
73 forms prescribed by this chapter or in any printed, recorded or  
74 electronic material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in the opinion  
75 of the Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions  
76 of law.

77 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 9-140 of the general statutes is  
78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
79 *passage*):

80 (g) (1) On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets the  
81 municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant  
82 whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When the  
83 clerk receives an application during the time period in which absentee  
84 voting sets are to be issued he shall mail an absentee voting set to the  
85 applicant, within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant submits his  
86 application in person at the office of the clerk and asks to be given his  
87 absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk shall comply  
88 with the request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to an applicant  
89 shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address shown on the  
90 application. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be subject to the  
91 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c and section 9-  
92 159q concerning persons designated to deliver or return ballots in cases  
93 involving unforeseen illness or disability and supervised voting at  
94 certain health care institutions.

95 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
96 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
97 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
98 July 1, 2021, each absentee voting set required to be mailed to an  
99 applicant under said subdivision (A) shall be mailed by the municipal  
100 clerk within forty-eight hours after the application for such absentee  
101 voting set is received by the clerk, or (B) may be mailed by a third-party  
102 mailing vendor approved and selected by the Secretary of the State for  
103 use by the municipal clerk for such purpose, provided any contract  
104 between the Secretary of the State and any such vendor shall require  
105 that such vendor mail each absentee voting set within seventy-two  
106 hours after the application for such absentee voting set is received by  
107 such vendor from the clerk.

108 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is  
109 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

110 *passage*):

111 (c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the  
112 United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or  
113 messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the  
114 State, or (B) for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
115 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
116 July 1, 2021, deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal  
117 clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by  
118 the Secretary.

119 (2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of  
120 subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the twenty-ninth day  
121 before the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
122 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
123 July 1, 2021, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls  
124 at such election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall (A)  
125 retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each  
126 such ballot deposited in such drop box, and (B) if the drop box is located  
127 outside a building other than the building where the clerk's office is  
128 located, arrange for the clerk or the clerk's designee to be escorted by a  
129 police officer during such retrieval.

130 Sec. 6. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
131 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

132 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing absentee  
133 ballots received by him under section 9-140b, as amended by this act,  
134 and shall not open such envelopes. The municipal clerk shall endorse  
135 over his signature, upon each outer envelope as he receives it, the date  
136 and precise time of its receipt. The clerk shall make an affidavit attesting  
137 to the accuracy of all such endorsements, and at the close of the polls  
138 shall deliver such affidavit to the head moderator, who shall endorse the  
139 time of its receipt and return it to the clerk after all counting is complete.  
140 The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for one hundred eighty days in  
141 accordance with the requirements of section 9-150b, as amended by this

142 act. The clerk shall keep a list of the names of the applicants who return  
143 absentee ballots to the clerk under section 9-140b, as amended by this  
144 act. The list shall be preserved as a public record as required by section  
145 9-150b, as amended by this act.

146 (b) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
147 beginning not earlier than the seventh day before the election, primary  
148 or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee ballots  
149 received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of such  
150 day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk and  
151 checked as provided in this subparagraph. On any such day, beginning  
152 as soon as the ballots have been sorted, the registrars of voters, without  
153 opening the outer envelopes, may check the names of the applicants  
154 returning ballots on the official checklist to be used at the election,  
155 primary or referendum by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding each  
156 such name and, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-  
157 431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, the designation of the  
158 party in which the applicants are voting preceding each such name.  
159 Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the respective polling  
160 places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this  
161 act, the registrars shall also place such indication on a duplicate checklist  
162 to be retained by the municipal clerk until the municipal clerk delivers  
163 such duplicate checklist to the registrars, in accordance with subsection  
164 (e) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to  
165 subsection (i) of this section.

166 (B) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
167 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
168 July 1, 2021, beginning on the fourteenth day before [the] such election,  
169 primary or referendum and on any weekday thereafter, all absentee  
170 ballots received by the municipal clerk at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m.  
171 of such day may be sorted into voting districts by the municipal clerk  
172 and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

173 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of  
174 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a

175 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the  
176 municipal clerk and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of  
177 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

178 (c) If the name of the applicant returning the ballot is not on the  
179 official checklist for any polling place in such municipality, the  
180 registrars shall endorse on the face of such outer envelope the word  
181 "rejected", followed by a statement of the reasons for rejection, and the  
182 outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot counted.

183 (d) After such checking has been completed on any such day, the  
184 municipal clerk shall seal the unopened ballots in a package and retain  
185 them in a safe place.

186 (e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, ballots  
187 received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day before the  
188 election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by the municipal  
189 clerk to the registrars between ten o'clock a.m. and twelve o'clock noon  
190 on the day of the election or primary and at twelve o'clock noon on the  
191 day of a referendum. Unless absentee ballots are to be counted in the  
192 respective polling places, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as  
193 amended by this act, the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the  
194 registrars at this time the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection  
195 (b) of this section, for the use of the absentee ballot counters pursuant to  
196 subsection (i) of this section.

197 (2) (A) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
198 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
199 July 1, 2021:

200 (i) Ballots received, sorted and checked prior to five o'clock p.m. on  
201 the (I) fourth day before [the] such election, primary or referendum may  
202 be delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars at five o'clock p.m.  
203 on such fourth day, (II) third day before [the] such election, primary or  
204 referendum may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such third day,  
205 and (III) second day before [the] such election, primary or referendum

206 may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such second day;

207 (ii) Ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on the last day  
208 before [the] such election, primary or referendum shall be delivered by  
209 the municipal clerk to the registrars at six o'clock a.m. on the day of [the]  
210 such election, primary or referendum; and

211 (iii) Each time ballots are delivered pursuant to this subparagraph,  
212 the municipal clerk shall also deliver to the registrars at such time a copy  
213 of the duplicate checklist provided for in subsection (b) of this section,  
214 current as of the time of such delivery, for the use of the absentee ballot  
215 counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

216 (B) The municipal clerk may deliver the ballots at times later than  
217 those provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection or subparagraph (A)  
218 of this subdivision, as applicable, provided any such time is mutually  
219 agreed upon by the municipal clerk and registrars and is not later than  
220 eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

221 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock  
222 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be  
223 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by the clerk  
224 separately until delivered to the registrars of voters for checking.

225 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of such  
226 last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six o'clock  
227 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall, upon  
228 request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the municipal  
229 clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or  
230 referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by the  
231 clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight o'clock  
232 p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

233 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the  
234 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six  
235 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be  
236 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. Although



237 absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at various  
238 times throughout the election, primary or referendum day, absentee  
239 ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

240 (i) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the absentee  
241 ballot counters, upon receipt of the ballots delivered by the municipal  
242 clerk to the registrars at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election,  
243 primary or referendum and at the close of the polls pursuant to  
244 subsections (g) and (h) of this section, shall check the names of the  
245 applicants returning ballots on the duplicate checklist in the same  
246 manner as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

247 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
248 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m.  
249 on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be called in to  
250 the appropriate polling places where they shall be checked by the  
251 checkers on the official checklists, and they shall also be checked by the  
252 absentee ballot counters on the duplicate checklist required under  
253 subsection (b) of this section.

254 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place  
255 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the  
256 names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at six o'clock p.m. on  
257 the day of the election, primary or referendum shall be checked by the  
258 absentee ballot counters and checkers at such polling place on the  
259 official checklist used at such polling place.

260 (3) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
261 the names of applicants whose ballots were delivered at the close of the  
262 polls shall be checked by the absentee ballot counters on the official  
263 checklists used at the polling places and such official checklists, bearing  
264 the certifications required by section 9-307, as amended by this act, shall  
265 be delivered by the registrars or assistant registrars to the central  
266 counting moderator for that purpose.

267 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place

268 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the  
269 official checklist used at such polling place shall remain in such polling  
270 place for checking by the absentee ballot counters at such polling place.

271 (4) If the name of an applicant returning a ballot has been checked on  
272 the official checklist as having voted in person the absentee ballot  
273 counters shall, in checking the ballots, endorse on the face of the outer  
274 envelope the word "rejected" followed by a statement of the reason for  
275 rejection, and the outer envelope shall not be opened or the ballot  
276 counted.

277 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,  
278 when central counting is completed and the result is announced, the  
279 central counting moderator shall deliver the duplicate checklist, the  
280 official checklists and the returns required by section 9-150b, as  
281 amended by this act, to the head moderator.

282 (B) Whenever absentee ballots are counted in any polling place  
283 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, and  
284 such counting is completed and the result for such polling place is  
285 announced, the moderator for such polling place shall deliver the  
286 official checklist used at such polling place and the return required by  
287 section 9-150b, as amended by this act, to the head moderator.

288 (j) Each time absentee ballots are delivered by the clerk to the  
289 registrars pursuant to this section, the clerk and registrars shall execute  
290 an affidavit of delivery and receipt stating the number of ballots  
291 delivered. The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for the period prescribed  
292 in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

293 (k) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
294 absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in section  
295 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

296 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
297 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
298 July 1, 2021, whenever absentee ballots are to be processed before the

299 day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, pursuant to  
300 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, as amended by this  
301 act, the absentee ballot counters shall process, in the manner provided  
302 in section 9-150e, as amended by this act, each group of absentee ballots  
303 upon receipt from the registrars.

304 (l) The municipal clerk shall retain all outer envelopes containing  
305 absentee ballots received by him after the close of the polls, unopened,  
306 for the period prescribed in section 9-150b, as amended by this act.

307 Sec. 7. Section 9-147a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
308 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

309 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, at any  
310 election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots shall, within  
311 existing resources, be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a  
312 at a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to  
313 the municipal clerk at least twenty days before the election, primary or  
314 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for the  
315 election, primary or referendum. Except as provided in subsection (b) of  
316 this section, if unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to  
317 vote in the primary of either of two parties, all absentee ballots shall be  
318 separated, counted, tallied and placed in depository envelopes by  
319 voting district. Any member of the public may observe the counting of  
320 absentee ballots at such central location.

321 (b) At any election, primary or referendum, all absentee ballots may  
322 be counted in the manner provided in section 9-150a in the respective  
323 polling places if the registrars of voters agree that such absentee ballots  
324 should be so counted. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under  
325 section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, absentee  
326 ballots may be counted in the respective polling places if the parties  
327 agree that such absentee ballots should be so counted. Any election  
328 official serving in a polling place may observe the counting of absentee  
329 ballots at such polling place.

330 (c) (1) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
331 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
332 July 1, 2021, absentee ballots may be processed before the day of [the]  
333 such election, primary or referendum in the manner provided in section  
334 9-150e, as amended by this act. Any such processing shall take place at  
335 a central location designated by the registrars of voters in writing to the  
336 municipal clerk at least ten days before [the] such election, primary or  
337 referendum, which location shall be published in the warning for [the]  
338 such election, primary or referendum.

339 (2) If absentee ballots are to be processed pursuant to subdivision (1)  
340 of this subsection, the registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall  
341 jointly certify such fact in writing to the Secretary of the State at least ten  
342 days before [the] such election, primary or referendum. Such written  
343 certification shall (A) include the name, street address and relevant  
344 contact information associated with the designated central location, and  
345 (B) list the name and address of each absentee ballot counter appointed  
346 pursuant to section 9-147c. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove  
347 such written certification not later than two days after receipt of such  
348 certification and may require the appointment of one or more additional  
349 absentee ballot counters.

350 (3) In the case of absentee ballots delivered to the registrars on the  
351 day of [the] such election, primary or referendum, nothing in this  
352 subsection shall preclude the counting of such absentee ballots in the  
353 respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

354 Sec. 8. Section 9-225 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
355 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

356 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
357 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors  
358 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November  
359 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be  
360 given by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in such  
361 town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of

362 this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to  
363 holding such election. The clerk in each town shall, in the warning for  
364 such election, give notice of the time and the location of the polling place  
365 in the town, and in towns divided into voting districts, of the time and  
366 the location of the polling place in each district, at which such election  
367 will be held. The town clerk shall record each such warning.

368 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to  
369 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after the effective date of this  
370 section but prior to July 1, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this  
371 section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days  
372 previous to holding such election.

373 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule  
374 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be  
375 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all  
376 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are met.

377 Sec. 9. Section 9-226 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
378 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

379 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects  
380 for which such election is to be held. [Notice] Except as provided in  
381 subsection (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by  
382 the town clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning in a  
383 newspaper published in such town or having a general circulation  
384 therein, such publication to be not more than fifteen, nor less than five  
385 days previous to holding the election. The town clerk in each town shall,  
386 in the warning for such election, give notice of the time and the location  
387 of the polling place in the town and, in towns divided into voting  
388 districts, of the time and the location of the polling place in each district.  
389 The town clerk shall record each such warning. [Notice] Except as  
390 provided in subsection (b) of this section, notice of an election of a city  
391 or borough shall be given by publishing a warning in a newspaper  
392 published within the limits of such city or borough, or having a general  
393 circulation therein, not more than fifteen nor less than five days

394 previous to holding the election, which warning shall include notice of  
395 the time and the location of the polling place in such city or borough  
396 and, in cities and boroughs divided into voting districts, of the time and  
397 the location of the polling place in each district.

398 (b) For any municipal election held on or after the effective date of  
399 this section but prior to July 1, 2021, the notice under subsection (a) of  
400 this section shall be given not more than seven nor less than four days  
401 previous to holding such election.

402 Sec. 10. Section 9-433 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
403 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

404 (a) (1) After the deadline set forth in section 9-400 for filing  
405 candidacies, and upon the completion of the tabulation of petition  
406 signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies for nomination by a  
407 political party to a state or district office have been filed in accordance  
408 with the provisions of section 9-400, the Secretary of the State shall  
409 notify the clerk of each town within the state or within the district, as  
410 the case may be, that a primary is to be held by such party for the  
411 nomination of such party to such office. Such notice shall include a list  
412 of all the proposed candidates, those endorsed by the convention as well  
413 as those filing candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles  
414 of the office for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a statement  
415 that unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. [The] Except as  
416 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the clerk of each such  
417 town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a  
418 newspaper having a general circulation in such town, or towns in the  
419 case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of this section, together  
420 with a statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the  
421 hours during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls.

422 (2) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a state or  
423 district office held on or after the effective date of this section but prior  
424 to July 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the town under  
425 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be so published not more than

426 seven nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

427 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter or home rule  
428 ordinance, the warning under subsection (a) of this section may be  
429 published jointly by two or more towns in a newspaper, provided all  
430 other requirements of this section with respect to such warning are met.

431 Sec. 11. Section 9-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
432 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

433 (a) Except as provided in sections 9-418 and 9-419, if in any  
434 municipality, within the time specified in section 9-405, a candidacy for  
435 nomination by a political party to any municipal office or for election as  
436 a town committee member is filed with the registrar, in conformity with  
437 the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412, inclusive, and section 9-414, by  
438 or on behalf of any person other than party-endorsed candidates, the  
439 registrar shall forthwith after the deadline for certification of party-  
440 endorsed candidates notify the clerk of such municipality that a primary  
441 is to be held by such party for the nomination of such party to such office  
442 or for the election by such party of town committee members, as the case  
443 may be. Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed candidates,  
444 those endorsed as well as those filing candidacies, together with their  
445 addresses and the titles of the offices or positions for which they are  
446 candidates. In the case of a primary for justices of the peace, such notice  
447 shall also contain the complete ballot designation of each slate pursuant  
448 to subsection (h) of section 9-437. [The] Except as provided in subsection  
449 (b) of this section, the clerk of the municipality shall thereupon cause  
450 such notice to be published forthwith in a newspaper having a general  
451 circulation in such municipality, together with a statement of the date  
452 upon which the primary is to be held, the hours during which the polls  
453 shall be open and the location of the polls. The clerk of the municipality  
454 shall also file such notice with the Secretary of the State not later than  
455 three business days after receipt of such notice from the registrar of  
456 voters. The clerk shall forthwith publish any change in the proposed  
457 candidates, listing such changes.

458 (b) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a municipal  
459 office, or for the election by a political party of town committee  
460 members, held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
461 July 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the municipality under  
462 subsection (a) of this section shall be so published not more than seven  
463 nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

464 Sec. 12. Section 9-150e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
465 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

466 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-150a, for the state  
467 election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held on or  
468 after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, in any  
469 municipality in which absentee ballots are processed pursuant to  
470 subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-147a, as amended by this  
471 act:

472 (a) (1) Not earlier than five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the]  
473 such election, primary or referendum, the absentee ballot counters shall  
474 proceed to the central counting location at the times designated by the  
475 registrars of voters;

476 (2) At the time each group of ballots is delivered pursuant to  
477 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this  
478 act, the counters shall proceed as hereinafter provided;

479 (3) Except with respect to ballots marked "Rejected" pursuant to  
480 section 9-140c, as amended by this act, or other applicable law, the  
481 counters shall then remove the inner envelopes from the outer  
482 envelopes, shall note the total number of absentee ballots received and  
483 shall report such total to the moderator. The counters shall similarly  
484 note and separately so report the total numbers of presidential ballots  
485 and overseas ballots received pursuant to sections 9-158a to 9-158m,  
486 inclusive;

487 (4) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as  
488 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or



489 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced  
490 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the  
491 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters; and

492 (5) Not earlier than the day of [the] such election, primary or  
493 referendum, and after the duties under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,  
494 of this subsection have been performed, absentee ballots shall be  
495 counted in the manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of  
496 section 9-150a.

497 (b) In accordance with instructions which shall be prescribed by the  
498 Secretary of the State not later than ten days before [the] such election,  
499 primary or referendum, each group of ballots delivered pursuant to  
500 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 9-140c, as amended by this  
501 act, shall be kept secure (1) throughout the performance of the duties  
502 under subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section,  
503 and (2) after such performance until such time on the day of [the] such  
504 election, primary or referendum that absentee ballots are counted in the  
505 manner provided in subsections (e) to (m), inclusive, of section 9-150a.  
506 The requirements of this subsection shall be in addition to all other  
507 applicable requirements under this title regarding the security of  
508 absentee ballots and any related materials.

509 Sec. 13. Section 9-159r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
510 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

511 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the  
512 contrary, if twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state  
513 are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted under  
514 the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of the town  
515 in which the institution is located, in accordance with the provisions of  
516 this section. As used in this section, "institution" has the same meaning  
517 as provided in section 9-159q.

518 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be  
519 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.

520 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140, as amended by this  
521 act, shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting  
522 set for any such application to the clerk of the town in which the  
523 institution is located, who shall deliver all such voting sets he receives  
524 to the registrars of such town, on the date when the supervision of  
525 absentee balloting is to occur. The ballots and envelopes shall be  
526 prepared for delivery to the applicant as provided in sections 9-137 to 9-  
527 140a, inclusive, as amended by this act. The registrars or their designees  
528 shall furnish the town clerk a written receipt for such ballots. The  
529 registrars of the town in which an institution is located and the  
530 administrator of the institution shall mutually agree on a date and time  
531 for such supervision of absentee balloting, which shall be not later than  
532 the last business day before the election or primary.

533 (c) The supervision of absentee balloting under this section shall be  
534 carried out in accordance with the provisions of subsections (g), (h), (i)  
535 and (k) of section 9-159q.

536 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (c), inclusive,  
537 of this section, for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary  
538 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,  
539 the Secretary of the State may waive any requirement under said  
540 subsections, provided the Secretary (1) waives such requirement in  
541 recognition of the public health and civil preparedness emergency  
542 declared by the Governor on March 10, 2020, and has consulted with the  
543 Commissioner of Public Health or said commissioner's designee  
544 regarding such waiver, (2) has given written notice to the town clerk and  
545 registrars of voters in each municipality, and (3) has submitted a report,  
546 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
547 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections  
548 advising of such waiver and specifying alternative actions to be taken to  
549 provide opportunities for absentee voting by electors described in this  
550 section.

551 Sec. 14. Section 9-159o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
552 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

553 (a) Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal  
554 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed  
555 before ten o'clock a.m. on election, primary or referendum day to the  
556 municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's ballot be  
557 withdrawn. The municipal clerk shall remove the ballot from the sealed  
558 package and shall mark the serially-numbered outer envelope, which  
559 shall remain unopened, "rejected" and note the reasons for rejection. The  
560 elector shall also endorse the envelope. The rejected ballot shall then be  
561 returned to the sealed package until delivered on election, primary or  
562 referendum day to the registrars of voters in accordance with section 9-  
563 140c, as amended by this act. The municipal clerk shall then give the  
564 elector a signed statement directed to the moderator of the voting  
565 district in which the elector resides stating that the elector has  
566 withdrawn such elector's absentee ballot and may vote in person. Upon  
567 delivery of the statement by the elector to the moderator, the moderator  
568 shall cause the absentee indication next to the name of the elector to be  
569 stricken from the official checklist and the elector may then have such  
570 elector's name checked and vote in person. Unless absentee ballots are  
571 to be counted in the respective polling places pursuant to subsection (b)  
572 of section 9-147a, as amended by this act, the municipal clerk shall also  
573 cause the absentee indication next to the name of the elector to be  
574 stricken from the duplicate checklist to be used by the absentee ballot  
575 counters.

576 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
577 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum  
578 held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021,  
579 any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal clerk  
580 and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed before  
581 five o'clock p.m. on the fourth day before [the] such election, primary or  
582 referendum to the municipal clerk's office and request that such elector's  
583 ballot be withdrawn.

584 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 9-150b of the general statutes is  
585 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

586 *passage*):

587 (g) (1) No such depository envelope shall be opened except by order  
588 of a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections Enforcement  
589 Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of  
590 subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five business days after an  
591 election, primary or referendum for the purpose of a recanvass  
592 conducted pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the depository  
593 envelopes and their contents shall be returned to the municipal clerk  
594 and preserved for the stated period.

595 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
596 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after  
597 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, no such  
598 depository envelope shall be opened for the purpose of a recanvass  
599 conducted pursuant to law except within seven business days after [the]  
600 such election as provided in section 9-311, as amended by this act.

601 Sec. 16. Section 9-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
602 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

603 (a) Immediately after the polls are closed, the official checker or  
604 checkers, appointed under the provisions of section 9-234, shall make  
605 and deliver to the moderator a certificate stating the whole number of  
606 names on the registry list or enrollment list including, if applicable,  
607 unaffiliated electors authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the  
608 primary, and the number checked as having voted in that election or  
609 primary. For the purpose of computing the whole number of names on  
610 the registry list, the lists of persons who have applied for presidential or  
611 overseas ballots prepared in accordance with section 9-158h shall be  
612 included. If a paper registry list is used, the registrars or assistant  
613 registrars, as the case may be, shall write and sign with ink, on the list  
614 or lists so used and checked, a certificate of the whole number of names  
615 registered on the list eligible to vote in the election or primary and the  
616 number checked as having voted in that election or primary, and  
617 deposit it in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight

618 hours after the close of the polls. If an electronic version of the registry  
619 list is used, the electronic device upon which such list is stored shall be  
620 returned to the registrars of voters who shall cause the electronic  
621 registry list to be printed. Such printed list shall be signed by each  
622 registrar, who shall deposit such list in the office of the municipal clerk  
623 not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls. The municipal  
624 clerk shall carefully preserve the paper registry list or printed electronic  
625 registry list, as applicable, on file, with the marks on it without  
626 alteration, for public inspection, and shall immediately enter a certified  
627 copy of such certificate on the town records. Subject to the provisions of  
628 section 7-109, the municipal clerk may destroy any voting checklist four  
629 years after the date upon which it was used. The moderator shall place  
630 the certificate which the moderator received from the official checker or  
631 checkers in the office of the municipal clerk not later than forty-eight  
632 hours after the close of the polls.

633 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
634 for the state election in 2020, and any election or primary held on or after  
635 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, any certificate  
636 or list required under said subsection to be deposited or placed in the  
637 office of the municipal clerk shall be so deposited or placed not later  
638 than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election or  
639 primary.

640 Sec. 17. Section 9-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
641 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

642 (a) Upon the close of the polls, the moderator, in the presence of the  
643 other election officials, shall immediately lock the voting tabulator  
644 against voting and immediately cause the vote totals for all candidates  
645 and questions to be produced. The moderator shall, in the order of the  
646 offices as their titles are arranged on the ballot, read and announce in  
647 distinct tones the result as shown, giving the number indicated and  
648 indicating the candidate to whom such total belongs, and shall read the  
649 votes recorded for each office on the ballot. The moderator shall also, in  
650 the same manner, announce the vote on each constitutional amendment,

651 proposition or other question voted on. The vote so announced by the  
652 moderator shall be taken down by each checker and recorded on the  
653 tally sheets. Each checker shall record the number of votes received for  
654 each candidate on the ballot and also the number received by each  
655 person for whom write-in ballots were cast. The moderator shall make  
656 a preliminary list from the vote totals produced by the tabulators and  
657 shall prepare such preliminary list for transmission to the Secretary of  
658 the State pursuant to section 9-314, as amended by this act. After such  
659 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the  
660 canvass may be temporarily interrupted, during which time the  
661 moderator shall (1) return the keys for all tabulators to the registrars of  
662 voters, (2) seal the tabulators against voting or being tampered with, (3)  
663 prepare and seal individual envelopes for all (A) write-in ballots, (B)  
664 absentee ballots, (C) moderators' returns, and (D) other notes,  
665 worksheets or written materials used at the election, and (4) store all  
666 such tabulators and envelopes in a secure place or places directed by the  
667 registrars of voters. At the end of such temporary interruption, the  
668 moderator shall receive such keys from the registrars and shall take  
669 possession of and break the seal on all such tabulators and envelopes for  
670 the purpose of completing the canvass. The result totals shall remain in  
671 full public view until the statement of canvass and all other reports have  
672 been fully completed and signed by the moderator, checkers and  
673 registrars, or assistant registrars, as the case may be. Any other  
674 remaining result of the votes cast shall be publicly announced by the  
675 moderator not later than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls.  
676 Such public announcement shall consist of reading both the name of  
677 each candidate, with the designating number and letter on the ballot and  
678 the absentee vote as furnished to the moderator by the absentee ballot  
679 counters, and also the vote cast for and against each question submitted.  
680 While such announcement is being made, ample opportunity shall be  
681 given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so  
682 announced with the result totals provided by the tabulator and any  
683 necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the moderator,  
684 checkers and registrars or assistant registrars, after which the  
685 compartments of the voting tabulator shall be closed and locked. In

686 canvassing, recording and announcing the result, the election officials  
687 shall be guided by any instructions furnished by the Secretary of the  
688 State.

689 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
690 for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after the  
691 effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, after the  
692 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, any  
693 other remaining result of the votes cast required under said subsection  
694 to be publicly announced by the moderator shall be so announced not  
695 later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls at such election.

696 Sec. 18. Section 9-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
697 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

698 (a) (1) If, within three days after an election, it appears to the  
699 moderator that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting  
700 district, such moderator shall forthwith within said period summon, by  
701 written notice delivered personally, the recanvass officials, consisting of  
702 at least two checkers of different political parties and at least two  
703 absentee ballot counters of different political parties who served at such  
704 election, and the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the  
705 election was held and such other officials as may be required to conduct  
706 such recanvass. Such written notice shall require the clerk or registrars  
707 of voters, as the case may be, to bring with them the depository  
708 envelopes required by section 9-150a, the package of write-in ballots  
709 provided for in section 9-310, the absentee ballot applications, the list of  
710 absentee ballot applications, the registry list and the moderators' returns  
711 and shall require such recanvass officials to meet at a specified time not  
712 later than the fifth business day after such election to recanvass the  
713 returns of a voting tabulator or voting tabulators or absentee ballots or  
714 write-in ballots used in such district in such election. If any of such  
715 recanvass officials are unavailable at the time of the recanvass, the  
716 registrar of voters of the same political party as that of the recanvass  
717 official unable to attend shall designate another elector having previous  
718 training and experience in the conduct of elections to take his place.

719 Before such recanvass is made, such moderator shall give notice, in  
720 writing, to the chairman of the town committee of each political party  
721 which nominated candidates for the election, and, in the case of a state  
722 election, not later than twenty-four hours after a determination is made  
723 regarding the need for a recanvass to the Secretary of the State, of the  
724 time and place where such recanvass is to be made; and each such  
725 chairman may send representatives to be present at such recanvass.  
726 Such representatives may observe, but no one other than a recanvass  
727 official may take part in the recanvass. If any irregularity in the  
728 recanvass procedure is noted by such a representative, he shall be  
729 permitted to present evidence of such irregularity in any contest relating  
730 to the election.

731 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
732 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after  
733 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (A) if, within  
734 five days after [the] such election, it appears to the moderator that there  
735 is a discrepancy in the returns of any voting district, such moderator  
736 shall forthwith within said period summon, by written notice delivered  
737 personally, the recanvass officials to conduct such recanvass in  
738 accordance with the provisions of said subdivision, and (B) such written  
739 notice shall require such recanvass officials to meet not later than the  
740 seventh business day after [the] such election for such purpose.

741 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the  
742 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the  
743 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-  
744 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such  
745 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,  
746 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such  
747 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open  
748 to public observation. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of  
749 such moderator and registrars of voters, make a record of the number  
750 on the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided,  
751 on each voting tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of



752 voters in the presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each  
753 such tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials,  
754 in the presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall  
755 immediately proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then  
756 open the package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast  
757 thereon. In the course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the  
758 recanvass officials shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots  
759 against the inner envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list  
760 to verify postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to  
761 determine whether the number of envelopes from which absentee  
762 ballots have been removed is the same as the number of persons checked  
763 as having voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be  
764 recanvassed at this time. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same  
765 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the  
766 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

767 (c) (1) The votes shall be announced and recorded in the manner  
768 prescribed in section 9-309, as amended by this act, on return forms  
769 provided by the registrars of voters and appended thereto shall be a  
770 statement signed by the moderator indicating the time and place of the  
771 recanvass and the names, addresses, titles and party affiliations of the  
772 recanvass officials. The write-in ballots shall be replaced in a properly  
773 secured sealed package. Upon the completion of such recanvass, any  
774 tabulator used in such recanvass shall be locked and sealed, the keys  
775 thereof shall immediately be returned to such registrars of voters and  
776 such tabulator shall remain so locked until the expiration of fourteen  
777 days after such election or for such longer period as is ordered by a court  
778 of competent jurisdiction. The absentee ballots shall be replaced in their  
779 wrappers and be resealed by the moderator in the presence of the  
780 recanvass officials. Upon the completion of such recanvass, such  
781 moderator and at least two of the recanvass officials of different political  
782 parties shall forthwith prepare and sign such return forms which shall  
783 contain a written statement giving the result of such recanvass for each  
784 tabulator and each package of absentee ballots whose returns were so  
785 recanvassed, setting forth whether or not the original canvass was

786 correctly made and stating whether or not the discrepancy still remains  
787 unaccounted for. Such return forms containing such statement shall  
788 forthwith be filed by the moderator in the office of such clerk. If such  
789 recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not correctly  
790 made, such return forms containing such statement so filed with the  
791 clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state election, a  
792 recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and  
793 provided by the Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one  
794 copy with the Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk  
795 not later than ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be  
796 substituted for the original return and shall have the same force and  
797 effect as an original return.

798 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
799 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after  
800 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, each copy of  
801 the recanvass return required under said subdivision to be filed by the  
802 moderator with the Secretary of the State and the town clerk shall be so  
803 filed not later than twelve days after [the] such election.

804 (d) As used in this section, (1) "moderator" means, in the case of  
805 municipalities not divided into voting districts, the moderator of the  
806 election and, in the case of municipalities divided into voting districts,  
807 the head moderator of the election, and (2) "registrars of voters", in a  
808 municipality where there are different registrars of voters for different  
809 voting districts, means the registrars of voters in the voting district in  
810 which, at the last-preceding election, the presiding officer for the  
811 purpose of declaring the result of the vote of the whole municipality was  
812 moderator.

813 Sec. 19. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
814 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

815 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
816 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the  
817 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The

818 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of  
819 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant  
820 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney  
821 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state  
822 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters  
823 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,  
824 as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in the moderator's  
825 town and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the  
826 Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the  
827 preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the  
828 moderator shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the  
829 moderator's town for each of the following officers: Presidential  
830 electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,  
831 Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, United States senator,  
832 representative in Congress, state senator, judge of probate, state  
833 representative and registrars of voters when said officers are to be  
834 chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total number of names on  
835 the official check list of such town and the total number of names  
836 checked as having voted. The moderator shall transmit such duplicate  
837 list to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as prescribed by the  
838 Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours after the close of  
839 the polls on election day. The moderator shall also seal and deliver one  
840 of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State not later than the third  
841 day after the election. Any such moderator who fails to so transmit or  
842 deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by the time  
843 required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The moderator shall  
844 also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of such town. The  
845 Secretary of the State shall enter the returns in tabular form in books  
846 kept by the Secretary for that purpose and present a printed report of  
847 the same, with the name of, and the total number of votes received by,  
848 each of the candidates for said offices, to the General Assembly at its  
849 next session.

850 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
851 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,

852 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
853 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each  
854 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely  
855 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, as amended by this act, in  
856 the moderator's town and shall immediately transmit such preliminary  
857 list to the Secretary of the State not later than midnight on election day.  
858 Once the preliminary list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the  
859 State, the moderator shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the  
860 moderator's town for each municipal office elected at such municipal  
861 election. Such duplicate list shall indicate the total number of names on  
862 the official check list of such town and the total number of names  
863 checked as having voted and shall be on a form prescribed by the  
864 Secretary of the State. The moderator shall transmit such duplicate list  
865 to the Secretary of the State by electronic means as prescribed by the  
866 Secretary of the State not later than forty-eight hours after the close of  
867 the polls on election day. The moderator shall also seal and deliver one  
868 of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of the State not later than the third  
869 day after the election. Any such moderator who fails to so transmit or  
870 deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by the time  
871 required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars. The moderator shall  
872 also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk of such town.

873 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
874 section, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after  
875 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (1) the duplicate  
876 list required under said subsections to be transmitted by electronic  
877 means to the Secretary by such moderator shall be so transmitted not  
878 later than ninety-six hours after the close of the polls on such election  
879 day, and (2) the duplicate list required under said subsections to be  
880 sealed and delivered to the Secretary shall be so delivered not later than  
881 the fifth day after [the] such election.

882 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 9-322a of the general statutes is  
883 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
884 *passage*):

885 (a) (1) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular  
 886 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast  
 887 at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the  
 888 third day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars  
 889 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall  
 890 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.  
 891 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator  
 892 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the  
 893 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

894 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
 895 subsection, for the state election in 2020, and any election held on or after  
 896 the effective date of this section but prior to July 1, 2021, (A) the results  
 897 of the votes cast at [the] such election required under said subdivision  
 898 to be provided to the town clerk by the registrars of voters shall be so  
 899 provided not later than ninety-six hours following [the] such election,  
 900 (B) the meeting to identify any error in the returns required under said  
 901 subdivision among the head moderator, registrars of voters and town  
 902 clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall occur not later  
 903 than nine o'clock a.m. on the fifth day following [the] such election, and  
 904 (C) any identified error required under said subdivision to be corrected,  
 905 and any amended return required under said subdivision to be filed  
 906 with the Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of  
 907 voters, by the head moderator shall be so corrected or filed, as  
 908 applicable, not later than one o'clock p.m. on the fifth day following [the]  
 909 such election.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-135
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	9-137
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-139b
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(g)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c

Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	9-147a
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	9-225
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	9-226
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	9-433
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-435
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	9-150e
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	9-159r
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	9-159o
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	9-150b(g)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	9-307
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	9-309
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	9-311
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	9-314
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	9-322a(a)

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*