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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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 Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

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

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

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 Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

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

46 Date ....

47 .... (Signature)"

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

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

65 Date ....

66 .... (Signature)"

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

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

72 (b) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or  
73 referendum held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
74 June 1, 2021, the Secretary of the State may make any changes in any  
75 forms prescribed by this chapter or in any printed, recorded or

76 electronic material issued pursuant to this chapter which, in the opinion  
77 of the Secretary, are necessary to conform to the applicable provisions  
78 of law.

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

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

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

109 such vendor from the clerk.

110 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is  
111 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
112 *passage*):

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

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

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

134 (a) The municipal clerk shall retain the envelopes containing absentee  
135 ballots received by him under section 9-140b, as amended by this act,  
136 and shall not open such envelopes. The municipal clerk shall endorse  
137 over his signature, upon each outer envelope as he receives it, the date  
138 and precise time of its receipt. The clerk shall make an affidavit attesting  
139 to the accuracy of all such endorsements, and at the close of the polls  
140 shall deliver such affidavit to the head moderator, who shall endorse the

141 time of its receipt and return it to the clerk after all counting is complete.  
142 The clerk shall preserve the affidavit for one hundred eighty days in  
143 accordance with the requirements of section 9-150b, as amended by this  
144 act. The clerk shall keep a list of the names of the applicants who return  
145 absentee ballots to the clerk under section 9-140b, as amended by this  
146 act. The list shall be preserved as a public record as required by section  
147 9-150b, as amended by this act.

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

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

175 (2) All absentee ballots received at or prior to eleven o'clock a.m. of  
176 the last day before the election, primary or referendum which is not a  
177 Sunday or legal holiday, shall be sorted into voting districts by the  
178 municipal clerk and checked as provided in subparagraph (A) of  
179 subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than such last day.

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

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

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

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

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

207 and (III) second day before [the] such election, primary or referendum  
208 may be so delivered at five o'clock p.m. on such second day;

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

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

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

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

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

235 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the  
236 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six  
237 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be



238 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking. Although  
239 absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters at various  
240 times throughout the election, primary or referendum day, absentee  
241 ballots may be counted at one single time during such day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

295 (k) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
296 absentee ballot counters shall count, in the manner provided in section  
297 9-150a, each group of absentee ballots upon receipt from the registrars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

332 (c) (1) For the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or

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

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

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

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

358 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
359 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors  
360 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November  
361 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be  
362 given by publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in such  
363 town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection (b) of  
364 this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to

365 holding such election. The clerk in each town shall, in the warning for  
366 such election, give notice of the time and the location of the polling place  
367 in the town, and in towns divided into voting districts, of the time and  
368 the location of the polling place in each district, at which such election  
369 will be held. The town clerk shall record each such warning.

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

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

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

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

397 the time and the location of the polling place in such city or borough  
398 and, in cities and boroughs divided into voting districts, of the time and  
399 the location of the polling place in each district.

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

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

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

424 (2) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a state or  
425 district office held on or after the effective date of this section but prior  
426 to June 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the town under  
427 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be so published not more than  
428 seven nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

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

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

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

460 (b) For any primary for nomination by a political party to a municipal  
461 office, or for the election by a political party of town committee

462 members, held on or after the effective date of this section but prior to  
463 June 1, 2021, the notice published by the clerk of the municipality under  
464 subsection (a) of this section shall be so published not more than seven  
465 nor less than four days previous to holding such election.

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

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

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

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

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

489 (4) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as  
490 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or  
491 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced  
492 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the



493 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters; and

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

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

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

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

520 (b) Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be  
521 made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote.  
522 The application procedure set forth in section 9-140, as amended by this  
523 act, shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting  
524 set for any such application to the clerk of the town in which the

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

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

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

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

555 (a) Any elector who has returned an absentee ballot to the municipal  
556 clerk and who finds such elector is able to vote in person shall proceed

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

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

586 Sec. 15. Subsection (g) of section 9-150b of the general statutes is  
587 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
588 *passage*):

589 (g) (1) No such depository envelope shall be opened except by order

590 of a court of competent jurisdiction, by the State Elections Enforcement  
591 Commission pursuant to a subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of  
592 subsection (a) of section 9-7b or within five business days after an  
593 election, primary or referendum for the purpose of a recanvass  
594 conducted pursuant to law. After such a recanvass the depository  
595 envelopes and their contents shall be returned to the municipal clerk  
596 and preserved for the stated period.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

691 State.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

792 recanvass reveals that the original canvass of returns was not correctly  
793 made, such return forms containing such statement so filed with the  
794 clerk shall constitute a corrected return. In the case of a state election, a  
795 recanvass return shall be made in duplicate on a form prescribed and  
796 provided by the Secretary of the State, and the moderator shall file one  
797 copy with the Secretary of the State and one copy with the town clerk  
798 not later than ten days after the election. Such recanvass return shall be  
799 substituted for the original return and shall have the same force and  
800 effect as an original return.

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

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

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

818 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
819 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the  
820 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
821 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of  
822 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant  
823 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney

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

853 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of  
854 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,  
855 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The  
856 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each  
857 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely

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

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

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

888 (a) (1) Not later than forty-eight hours following each regular  
889 election, the registrars of voters shall provide the results of the votes cast  
890 at such election to the town clerk. Not later than nine o'clock a.m. on the

891 third day following each regular election, the head moderator, registrars  
 892 of voters and town clerk for each town divided into voting districts shall  
 893 meet to identify any error in the returns. Not later than one o'clock p.m.  
 894 on the third day following each regular election, the head moderator  
 895 shall correct any error identified and file an amended return with the  
 896 Secretary of the State, the town clerk and the registrars of voters.

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

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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)