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"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES."

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 Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the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] on the day of such primary,
9 referendum or election for any of the following reasons: (1) Such
10 elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the United
11 States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of such
12 elector's or person's voting residence; [during all of the hours of voting;]
13 (3) such elector's or person's [illness] sickness or reasonable fear of
14 contracting a sickness, or of exacerbating a documented underlying
15 condition, as a result of appearing at such polling place; (4) such elector's

16 or person's physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's
17 religion forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election or
18 referendum; or (6) the required performance of such elector's or person's
19 duties as a primary, election or referendum official, including as a town
20 clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling
21 place other than such elector's or person's own during all of the hours
22 of voting at such primary, election or referendum.]; or (7) for the state
23 election in 2020, the sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section,
24 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World
25 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any
26 related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a
27 communicable respiratory disease.]

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

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 Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

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

48 the day of the primary, election or referendum; or (5) my duties as a
49 primary, election or referendum official.

50 Date

51 (Signature)"

52 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
53 for the state election in 2020, each inner envelope in which an absentee
54 ballot is returned to the municipal clerk shall have printed on its face a
55 form containing the following statements:

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

67 Date

68 (Signature)"]"

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