



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 5

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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, SAFE AND SECURE IN-PERSON VOTING, VOTER REGISTRATION AND CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 19a-131a of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5 *2021*):

6 (b) (1) Any declaration issued pursuant to this section shall [become  
7 effective upon its filing] be filed with the Secretary of the State and with  
8 the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate, [. The declaration]  
9 and shall state the nature of the public health emergency, the political  
10 subdivisions or geographic area subject to the declaration, the  
11 conditions that have brought about the public health emergency, the  
12 duration of the public health emergency and the public health authority

13 responding to the emergency. Any such declaration issued by the  
14 Governor [may be disapproved and nullified] shall become effective  
15 upon approval by majority vote of a committee consisting of (A) one  
16 member of the legislative caucus of the president pro tempore of the  
17 Senate, designated by the president pro tempore, (B) one member of the  
18 legislative caucus of the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
19 designated by the speaker, [the majority and minority leaders of both  
20 houses of the General Assembly and the cochairpersons and ranking  
21 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
22 having cognizance of matters relating to public health. Such disapproval  
23 shall not be effective unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later  
24 than seventy-two hours after the filing of the Governor's declaration  
25 with the Secretary of the State] (C) one member of the legislative caucus  
26 of the minority leader of the Senate, designated by said minority leader,  
27 and (D) one member of the legislative caucus of the minority leader of  
28 the House of Representatives, designated by said minority leader.

29 (2) Any renewal of a declaration issued pursuant to this section [may  
30 be renewed by the Governor upon its filing] shall be filed with the  
31 Secretary of the State and with the clerks of the House of  
32 Representatives and Senate, [. The renewal declaration] and shall state  
33 the nature of the continuing public health emergency, the political  
34 subdivisions or geographic area subject to the renewal, the conditions  
35 that have brought about the renewal declaration, the duration of the  
36 renewal declaration and the public health authority responding to the  
37 public health emergency. Any such renewal declaration issued by the  
38 Governor [may be disapproved and nullified] shall become effective  
39 upon approval by majority vote of a committee consisting of the  
40 legislative [leaders] members specified in subdivision (1) of this  
41 subsection, [(b) of this section. Such disapproval shall not be effective  
42 unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later than seventy-two  
43 hours after the filing of the Governor's renewal declaration with the  
44 Secretary of the State.]

45 (3) The Governor shall declare a public health emergency to be  
46 terminated before the duration stated in the declaration, upon a finding,

47 after informing the [legislative leaders specified in subsection (b) of this  
48 section] president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House  
49 of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of both houses of  
50 the General Assembly and the cochairpersons and ranking members of  
51 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
52 cognizance of matters relating to public health, that the circumstances  
53 that caused such emergency to be declared no longer pose a substantial  
54 risk of a significant number of human fatalities or incidents of  
55 permanent or long-term disability.

56 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 28-9 of the general statutes is  
57 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
58 *2021*):

59 (a) In the event of serious disaster, enemy attack, sabotage or other  
60 hostile action or in the event of the imminence thereof, the Governor  
61 may proclaim that a state of civil preparedness emergency exists, in  
62 which event the Governor, upon approval by the joint legislative  
63 committee described in this subsection, may personally take direct  
64 operational control of any or all parts of the civil preparedness forces  
65 and functions in the state. [Any such proclamation shall be effective  
66 upon filing with the Secretary of the State.] Any such proclamation, or  
67 order issued pursuant thereto, issued by the Governor [because of a  
68 disaster resulting from man-made cause may be disapproved] shall be  
69 filed with the Secretary of the State, and shall become effective upon  
70 approval by majority vote of a joint legislative committee consisting of  
71 (1) one member of the legislative caucus of the president pro tempore of  
72 the Senate, designated by the president pro tempore, (2) one member of  
73 the legislative caucus of the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
74 designated by the speaker, [and the majority and minority leaders of  
75 both houses of the General Assembly, provided at least one of the  
76 minority leaders votes for such disapproval. Such disapproval shall not  
77 be effective unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later than  
78 seventy-two hours after the filing of the Governor's proclamation with  
79 the Secretary of the State] (3) one member of the legislative caucus of the  
80 minority leader of the Senate, designated by said minority leader, and

81 (4) one member of the legislative caucus of the minority leader of the  
82 House of Representatives, designated by said minority leader. As soon  
83 as possible after such proclamation, if the General Assembly is not then  
84 in session, the Governor shall meet with the president pro tempore of  
85 the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
86 majority and minority leaders of both houses of the General Assembly  
87 and shall confer with them on the advisability of calling a special session  
88 of the General Assembly."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-131a(b)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	28-9(a)