



General Assembly

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Offered by:
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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 Strike section 39 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 39. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-320f of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary and
7 not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the
8 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or
9 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal election
10 or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct a manual audit or, for
11 an election or primary held on or after January 1, 2016, an electronic
12 audit authorized under section 9-320g of the votes recorded in not less

13 than five per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or
14 municipality, whichever is applicable. For the purposes of this section,
15 any central location used in a municipality for the counting of absentee
16 ballots shall be deemed a voting district. Such manual or electronic audit
17 shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation. Any
18 election official who participates in the administration and conduct of
19 an audit pursuant to this section shall be compensated by the
20 municipality at the standard rate of pay established by such
21 municipality for elections or primaries, as the case may be.

22 (b) [The] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
23 voting districts subject to an audit described in subsection (a) of this
24 section shall be selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the
25 State and such selection process shall be open to the public. The offices
26 subject to an audit pursuant to this section shall be, [(1)] (A) in the case
27 of an election where the office of presidential elector is on the ballot, all
28 offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office
29 selected in a random drawing by the Secretary of the State, but in no
30 case less than three offices, [(2)] (B) in the case of an election where the
31 office of Governor is on the ballot, all offices required to be audited by
32 federal law, plus one additional office selected in a random drawing by
33 the Secretary of the State, but in no case less than three offices, [(3)] (C)
34 in the case of a municipal election, three offices or twenty per cent of the
35 number of offices on the ballot, whichever is greater, selected at random
36 by the municipal clerk, and [(4)] (D) in the case of a primary election, all
37 offices required to be audited by federal law, plus one additional office,
38 if any, but in no event less than twenty per cent of the offices on the
39 ballot, selected in a random drawing by the municipal clerk.

40 (2) A voting district shall be subject to an audit described in
41 subsection (a) of this section if any office appeared on the ballot in such
42 voting district in which the plurality of an elected or nominated
43 candidate for an office over the vote for a defeated candidate receiving
44 the next highest number of votes was less than a vote equivalent to one
45 and one-half per cent of the total number of votes cast for the office. For
46 the purposes of this section, "the total number of votes cast for the office"

47 has the same meaning as provided in section 9-311a."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	9-320f(a) and (b)