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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. Section 9-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) In each primary, election or referendum, when an elector has
6 entered the polling place, the elector shall announce the elector's street
7 address, if any, and the elector's name to the official checker or checkers
8 in a tone sufficiently loud and clear as to enable all the election officials
9 present to hear the same. Each elector who registered to vote by mail for
10 the first time on or after January 1, 2003, and has a "mark" next to the
11 elector's name on the official registry list, as required by section 9-23r,
12 as amended by this act, shall present to the official checker or checkers,

13 before the elector votes, either a current and valid photo identification
14 that shows the elector's name and address or a copy of a current utility
15 bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government
16 document that shows the name and address of the elector. Each other
17 elector shall (1) present to the official checker or checkers the elector's
18 Social Security card or any other preprinted form of identification which
19 shows the elector's name and either the elector's address, signature or
20 photograph, or (2) on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,
21 write the elector's residential address and date of birth, print the
22 elector's name and sign a statement under penalty of false statement that
23 the elector is the elector whose name appears on the official checklist.
24 Such form shall clearly state the penalty of false statement. A separate
25 form shall be used for each elector. If the elector presents a preprinted
26 form of identification under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the
27 official checker or checkers shall check the name of such elector on the
28 official checklist, manually on paper or electronically. If the elector
29 completes the form under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the registrar
30 of voters or the assistant registrar of voters, as the case may be, shall
31 examine the information on such form and either instruct the official
32 checker or checkers to check the name of such elector on the official
33 checklist, manually on paper or electronically, or notify the elector that
34 the form is incomplete or inaccurate. Such registrar or assistant registrar
35 shall maintain a log of (A) each elector who completes the form under
36 subdivision (2) of this subsection, and (B) each such elector for whom
37 such form is incomplete or inaccurate.

38 (b) In the event that an elector is present at the polling place but is
39 unable to gain access to the polling place due to a temporary incapacity,
40 the elector may request that the ballot be brought to him or her. The
41 registrars of voters or the assistant registrars of voters, as the case may
42 be, shall take such ballot, along with a privacy sleeve to such elector.
43 The elector shall show identification, in accordance with the provisions
44 of this section. The elector shall forthwith mark the ballot in the presence
45 of the election officials in such manner that the election officials shall not
46 know how the ballot is marked. The elector shall place the ballot in the

47 privacy sleeve. The election officials shall mark the elector's name on the
48 official voter list, manually on paper or electronically, as having voted
49 in person and deliver such ballot and privacy sleeve to the voting
50 tabulator where such ballot shall be placed into the tabulator, by the
51 election official, for counting. The moderator shall record such activity
52 in the moderator's diary.

53 (c) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
54 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote, pursuant
55 to section 9-431, an unaffiliated elector shall also announce to the
56 separate table of the official checker or checkers for unaffiliated electors
57 the party in whose primary the elector chooses to vote and the official
58 checker or checkers shall note such party when checking such elector's
59 name on the checklist of unaffiliated electors, manually on paper or
60 electronically, provided such choice shall not alter the elector's
61 unaffiliated status.

62 (d) In each polling place in which two or more parties are holding
63 primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote or in
64 which one party is holding a primary in which unaffiliated electors are
65 authorized to vote for some but not all offices to be contested at the
66 primary, the official checker or checkers shall give to each elector
67 checked manually on paper or electronically, a receipt provided by the
68 registrars of voters, in a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State,
69 specifying either (1) the party with which the elector is enrolled, if any,
70 or (2) in the case of an unaffiliated elector, the party in whose primary
71 the elector has so chosen to vote, and whether the elector is authorized
72 to vote for only a partial ballot.

73 (e) If not challenged by anyone lawfully present in the polling place,
74 the elector shall be permitted to pass to the separated area to receive the
75 ballot. The elector shall give any receipt the elector has received to a
76 ballot clerk who shall give the elector a ballot to vote only in the primary
77 of the party specified by the receipt. The elector shall be permitted into
78 the voting booth area, and shall then register his or her vote in secret.
79 Having voted, the elector shall immediately exit the voting booth area

80 and deposit the ballot in the voting tabulator and leave the room. No
81 elector shall remain within the voting booth longer than the time
82 necessary to complete the ballot, and, if the elector refuses to leave such
83 booth after completing the ballot, the elector shall at once be removed
84 by the election officials upon order of the moderator. Not more than one
85 elector at a time shall be permitted to be within the enclosed space which
86 the elector occupies while the elector completes his or her ballot,
87 provided an elector may be accompanied within such enclosed space by
88 one or more children who are fifteen years of age or younger and
89 supervised by the elector, if the elector is the parent or legal guardian of
90 such children. If any elector, after entering the voting booth area, asks
91 for further instruction concerning the manner of voting, the election
92 officials shall give such instructions or directions to the elector; but no
93 election official instructing or assisting an elector, except as provided in
94 section 9-264, shall look at the ballot in such a way as to see the elector's
95 markings or in any manner seek to influence any such elector in the
96 casting of the elector's vote.

97 (f) Not later than ninety days after each primary, election or
98 referendum, the registrars of voters of each town shall (1) compile a
99 report of (A) the number of electors who completed the form under
100 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, and (B) the number of
101 such electors for whom such form was incomplete or inaccurate, and (2)
102 submit such report to the Secretary of the State."

103 Sec. 502. Subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 9-23g of the
104 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
105 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

106 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
107 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
108 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
109 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
110 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
111 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
112 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original

113 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
 114 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
 115 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
 116 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
 117 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
 118 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to [subparagraph (A)
 119 of subdivision (2)] subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as
 120 amended by this act.

121 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23r of the general statutes is
 122 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 123 *passage*):

124 (b) If an individual submits such information pursuant to this section
 125 as part of the individual's voter registration application and, with
 126 respect to subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the
 127 registrars of voters are able to match the information submitted with an
 128 existing Connecticut identification record bearing the same number,
 129 name and date of birth as provided, such individual shall not be
 130 required to produce identification when voting in person or by absentee
 131 ballot and may sign a statement as described in [subparagraph (B) of]
 132 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261, as amended by this act,
 133 in lieu of presenting identification when voting in person."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-261
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-23g(d)(4)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23r(b)