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LCO No. 3395



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE AND
OTHER ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS REGARDING CERTAIN
VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND REJECTED ABSENTEE
BALLOTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-50d of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor
5 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number [L] or Social
6 Security number [and any other unique identifier used for the purpose
7 of generating] on a voter registration record [, or added to such record
8 for compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act,
9 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time,] shall be confidential and
10 shall not be disclosed to any person.

11 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) If, at any election, primary or
12 referendum, an absentee ballot delivered by the municipal clerk to the

13 registrars of voters at or prior to six o'clock p.m. on the day of such
 14 election, primary or referendum is marked "Rejected" by the absentee
 15 ballot counters pursuant to subsection (d) of section 9-150a of the
 16 general statutes or subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 9-150e of
 17 the general statutes, the absentee ballot counters shall immediately
 18 return such absentee ballot to the registrars of voters. Upon return of
 19 such absentee ballot, the registrars of voters shall immediately notify the
 20 applicable town committee, if any, and the League of Women Voters for
 21 the purpose of advising the individual who completed such absentee
 22 ballot that (1) such individual's ballot has been rejected, and (2) such
 23 individual may still vote in person on the day of such election, primary
 24 or referendum in accordance with the provisions of section 9-174 of the
 25 general statutes.

26 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 9-140c of the 2022 supplement to the
 27 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 28 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (h) Absentee ballots received after six o'clock p.m. on the day of the
 30 election, primary or referendum and any ballots received prior to six
 31 o'clock p.m. of such day which were not delivered earlier shall be
 32 delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls for checking.
 33 [Although absentee ballots shall be checked by the registrars of voters
 34 at various times throughout the election, primary or referendum day,
 35 absentee ballots may be counted at one single time during such day]
 36 Absentee ballots shall be counted throughout the day of an election,
 37 primary or referendum immediately after such ballots are delivered to,
 38 and checked by, the registrars of voters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-50d(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c(h)

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) expand the information on a voter registration record that may be disclosed while keeping motor vehicle operator's license numbers, identity card numbers and Social Security numbers confidential; (2) allow for notification of individuals whose absentee ballots have been rejected, so that such individuals may vote in person; and (3) require that absentee ballots be counted throughout the day of an election, primary or referendum, upon delivery from the municipal clerk.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]