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"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY STATUTES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 9-135 of the 2022 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any
7 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if
8 such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's
9 polling place [during the hours of voting] on the day of such primary,
10 election or referendum for any of the following reasons: (1) Such
11 elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the United
12 States; (2) such elector's or person's absence from the town of such
13 elector's or person's voting residence; [during all of the hours of voting;

14 (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or person's] (3)
15 sickness; (4) physical disability; (5) the tenets of such elector's or person's
16 religion forbid secular activity on the day of [the] such primary, election
17 or referendum; or (6) the required performance of such elector's or
18 person's duties as a primary, election or referendum official, including
19 as a town clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or registrar,
20 at a polling place other than such elector's or person's own during all of
21 the hours of voting at such primary, election or referendum. [; or (7) for
22 the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum held
23 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, the sickness of
24 COVID-19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory
25 disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11,
26 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized
27 by said organization as a 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 2022 supplement to the general statutes is
32 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
33 *passage*):

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

38 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
39 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum
40 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I
41 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place [during the hours of
42 voting at] on the day of such primary, election or referendum for one or
43 more of the following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces;
44 (2) my absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote; [during all
45 of the hours of voting; (3) my illness or physical disability; (4)] (3)

46 sickness; (4) physical disability; (5) the tenets of my religion which
47 forbid secular activity on the day of [the] such primary, election or
48 referendum; or [(5)] (6) my duties as a primary, election or referendum
49 official.

50 Date

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52 [(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
53 for the state election in 2020, and any election, primary or referendum
54 held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to November 3, 2021, each inner
55 envelope in which an absentee ballot is returned to the municipal clerk
56 shall have printed on its face a form containing the following statements:

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

68 Date

69 (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