



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 3556



Offered by:  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5262      File No. 5      Cal. No. 32

(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY STATUTES."**

1      Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2 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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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 (1)  
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)] (A) Such  
11 elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the United  
12 States; [(2)] (B) 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] (C)  
15 sickness; (D) physical disability; [(5)] (E) the tenets of such elector's or  
16 person's religion forbid secular activity on the day of [the] such primary,  
17 election or referendum; [(6)] or (F) the required performance of such  
18 elector's or person's duties as a primary, election or referendum official,  
19 including as a town clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or  
20 registrar, at a polling place other than such elector's or person's own  
21 during all of the hours of voting at such primary, election or  
22 referendum, [; or (7) for the state election in 2020, and any election,  
23 primary or referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to  
24 November 3, 2021, the sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section,  
25 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World  
26 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any  
27 related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a  
28 communicable respiratory disease] and (2) such elector's or person's  
29 signature on the materials used to vote by absentee ballot is able to be  
30 verified.

31 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for  
32 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to  
33 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-135
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