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"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING ELIGIBILITY STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-19k of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system for
7 online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered
8 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant
9 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)
10 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in
11 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) signature is in a database described
12 in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported into such
13 system for online voter registration.

14 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall

15 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
16 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The
17 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by
18 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's
19 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any
20 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the
21 information submitted by applicants, except that the Secretary shall,
22 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, cross reference such
23 input information with data or information contained in the United
24 States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration
25 status verification database in order to attempt to verify such submitted
26 information. The Secretary shall not use the information obtained from
27 any such database except to verify information submitted by the
28 applicant, provided the applicant's signature, if part of data contained
29 in the state agency's database, shall be included as part of the applicant's
30 information contained in the system for online voter registration.

31 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the 2022 supplement to the
32 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
33 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

34 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
35 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
36 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include an application for the
37 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor
38 vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal,
39 which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with
40 each application form provided for an identity card issued under section
41 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector (A) shall be
42 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (B) shall not include
43 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (C) shall
44 contain a statement that (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, (ii)
45 contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement,
46 and (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.
47 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
48 application for admission which is submitted in person, by mail or

49 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
50 subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall
51 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona
52 fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United
53 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered
54 previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not
55 forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number
56 on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior
57 to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any
58 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such
59 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible
60 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
61 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote
62 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an
63 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and
64 on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner
65 received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words
66 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such
67 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or
68 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
69 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application
70 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence, provided
71 the commissioner has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a,
72 attempted to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information
73 using the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic
74 immigration status verification database. If a registration application is
75 accepted within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a
76 regular election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of
77 voters of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five
78 days after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d),
79 (f) and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National
80 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
81 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The
82 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the
83 provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of

84 a felony.

85 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
86 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
87 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
88 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
89 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
90 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
91 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
92 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
93 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
94 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
95 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
96 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

97 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
98 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
99 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
100 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
101 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's
102 United States citizenship information using the United States
103 Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration status
104 verification database, said commissioner shall forthwith transmit an
105 application for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of
106 voters of the town of residence of such person through an electronic
107 system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions
108 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application
109 shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

110 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
111 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
112 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
113 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
114 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
115 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
116 on behalf of such person.

117 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person
118 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
119 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
120 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
121 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
122 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
123 subdivision.

124 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the 2022 supplement to the
125 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
126 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each
128 voter registration agency shall (A) distribute mail voter registration
129 application forms, (B) assist applicants for assistance or services
130 provided by the agency in completing voter registration application
131 forms, except for applicants who refuse assistance in completing such
132 forms, (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and
133 provide each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency
134 shall record the date that the agency received the application, using an
135 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (D) immediately
136 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of
137 voting residence of the applicants, provided the voter registration
138 agency has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempted
139 to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information using the
140 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic
141 immigration status verification database. The agency shall provide such
142 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or
143 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
144 subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five days
145 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
146 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
147 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
148 of acceptance. Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
149 the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed mail voter
150 registration application form, without indicating the identity of the

151 voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such agency, to
152 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it
153 is received by the registration agency by the last day for registration to
154 vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in
155 providing services to persons with disabilities provides services to a
156 person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide
157 such voter registration services at the person's home. The procedures in
158 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not inconsistent
159 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as
160 amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this
161 section. Officials and employees of such voter registration agencies are
162 not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may not restore,
163 under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons
164 convicted of a felony.

165 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic
166 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
167 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application
168 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant
169 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived
170 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the
171 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or
172 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may
173 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
174 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic
175 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
176 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

177 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter
178 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or
179 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for
180 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's
181 United States citizenship information using the United States
182 Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration status
183 verification database, the agency shall forthwith transmit an application
184 for such person's admission as an elector to the registrars of voters of

185 the town of residence of such person through an electronic system
186 pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the provisions of
187 subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such application shall
188 be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such admission.

189 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying
190 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States
191 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to
192 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant
193 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such
194 admission on behalf of such person.

195 (iii) If the voter registration agency cannot determine whether a
196 person applying for assistance or services provided by the agency is a
197 United States citizen, such person shall attest to his or her United States
198 citizenship as a precondition of the agency processing such person's
199 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system
200 pursuant to this subdivision.

201 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the 2022 supplement to the
202 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
203 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

204 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to
205 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
206 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,
207 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,
208 whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an elector
209 are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, and whether he has
210 previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any other
211 state. Each such applicant shall present his birth certificate, drivers'
212 license or Social Security card to the admitting official for inspection at
213 the time of application, and such admitting official shall,
214 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempt to verify such
215 applicant's United States citizenship information using the United States
216 Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration status

217 verification database. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act
218 or charter to the contrary, the application form shall also, in a manner
219 prescribed by the Secretary of the State, provide for application for
220 enrollment in any political party, including, on any such form printed
221 on or after January 1, 2006, a list of the names of the major parties, as
222 defined in section 9-372, as options for the applicant. The form shall
223 indicate that such enrollment is not mandatory."

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

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k(a) and (b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-20(a)