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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4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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] any hour  
14 of voting; (3) such elector's or person's [illness] sickness or reasonable

15 fear of contracting a sickness, or of exacerbating an underlying  
16 condition of such elector or person or an immediate family member or  
17 dependent of such elector or person, as a result of appearing at such  
18 polling place; (4) such elector's or person's physical disability; (5) the  
19 tenets of such elector's or person's religion forbid secular activity on the  
20 day of the primary, election or referendum; or (6) the required  
21 performance of such elector's or person's duties as a primary, election or  
22 referendum official, including as a town clerk or registrar of voters or as  
23 staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling place other than such elector's  
24 or person's own during all of the hours of voting at such primary,  
25 election or referendum. [; or (7) for the state election in 2020, and any  
26 election, primary or referendum held on or after June 23, 2021, but prior  
27 to November 3, 2021, the sickness of COVID-19. As used in this section,  
28 "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World  
29 Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any  
30 related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a  
31 communicable respiratory disease.]

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

35 Sec. 2. Section 9-137 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is  
36 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
37 *passage*):

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

42 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee  
43 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or referendum  
44 in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be cast and that I  
45 expect to be unable to appear at my polling place [during the hours of  
46 voting at] on the day of such primary, election or referendum for one or

47 more of the following reasons: (1) My active service in the armed forces;  
48 (2) my absence from the town in which I am eligible to vote; [during all  
49 of the hours of voting;] (3) my [illness or] sickness or reasonable fear of  
50 contracting a sickness, or of exacerbating an underlying condition of  
51 myself or any family member or dependent, as a result of appearing at  
52 such polling place; (4) my physical disability; [(4)] (5) the tenets of my  
53 religion which forbid secular activity on the day of the primary, election  
54 or referendum; or [(5)] (6) my duties as a primary, election or  
55 referendum official.

56 Date ....

57 .... (Signature)"

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

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

74 Date ....

75 .... (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