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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5262

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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. Subsection (a) of section 9-140b of the 2022 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) An absentee ballot shall be cast at a primary, election or
7 referendum only if: (1) It is mailed by (A) the ballot applicant, (B) a
8 designee of a person who applies for an absentee ballot because of
9 illness or physical disability, or (C) a member of the immediate family
10 of an applicant who is a student, so that it is received by the clerk of the
11 municipality in which the applicant is qualified to vote not later than the
12 close of the polls; (2) it is returned by the applicant in person to the clerk
13 by the day before a regular election, special election or primary or prior
14 to the opening of the polls on the day of a referendum; (3) it is returned
15 by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant, in person,

16 to said clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election,
17 primary or referendum; (4) it is returned by a member of the immediate
18 family of the absentee voter, in person, to said clerk not later than the
19 close of the polls on the day of the election, primary or referendum; (5)
20 in the case of a presidential or overseas ballot, it is mailed or otherwise
21 returned pursuant to the provisions of section 9-158g; or (6) it is returned
22 with the proper identification as required by the Help America Vote Act,
23 P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to time, if applicable, inserted in the
24 outer envelope so such identification can be viewed without opening
25 the inner envelope. A person returning an absentee ballot to the
26 municipal clerk pursuant to subdivision (3) or (4) of this subsection shall
27 present identification and, on the outer envelope of the absentee ballot,
28 sign his name in the presence of the municipal clerk, and indicate his
29 address, his relationship to the voter or his position, and the date and
30 time of such return. In no event shall an absentee ballot returned in
31 accordance with this section be opened or counted if such absentee
32 ballot is received by the clerk of the municipality after the close of the
33 polls at any primary, election or referendum. As used in this section,
34 "immediate family" means a dependent relative who resides in the
35 individual's household or any spouse, child, parent or sibling of the
36 individual."

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

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140b(a)
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