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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. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-140 of the 2022
4 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, application
7 for an absentee ballot shall be made to the clerk of the municipality in
8 which the applicant is eligible to vote or has applied for such eligibility.
9 An applicant who requests assistance, or who requires bona fide
10 assistance, in the completion of an application may be assisted by
11 another person. Any person who assists [another person] an applicant
12 in the completion of an application shall, in the space provided, sign the
13 application and print or type his name, residence address and telephone
14 number. Such signature shall be written by hand and in ink and shall be
15 made under the penalties of false statement in absentee balloting. [The]

16 For any applicant who was assisted by another person in the completion
17 of an application, the municipal clerk shall [not invalidate the
18 application solely because it] invalidate such application if it does not
19 contain (A) the name of [a person who assisted the applicant in the
20 completion of the application] such other person, or (B) the original
21 signature, by hand and in ink, of such other person. The municipal clerk
22 shall not distribute with an absentee ballot application any material
23 which promotes the success or defeat of any candidate or referendum
24 question. The municipal clerk shall maintain a log of all absentee ballot
25 applications provided under this subsection, including the name and
26 address of each person to whom applications are provided and the
27 number of applications provided to each such person. Each absentee
28 ballot application provided by the municipal clerk shall be
29 consecutively numbered and be stamped or marked with the name of
30 the municipality issuing the application. The application shall be signed
31 by the applicant under the penalties of false statement in absentee
32 balloting on [(A)] (i) the form prescribed by the Secretary of the State
33 pursuant to section 9-139a, [(B)] (ii) a form provided by any federal
34 department or agency if applicable pursuant to section 9-153a, or [(C)]
35 (iii) any of the special forms of application prescribed pursuant to
36 section 9-150c, 9-153a, 9-153b, 9-153d, 9-153e, 9-153f or 9-158d, if
37 applicable. Any such absentee ballot applicant who is unable to write
38 may cause the application to be completed by an authorized agent who
39 shall, in the spaces provided for the date and signature, write, by hand
40 and in ink, the date and name of the absentee ballot applicant followed
41 by the word "by" and his own original signature. If the ballot is to be
42 mailed to the applicant, the applicant shall list the bona fide personal
43 mailing address of the applicant in the appropriate space on the
44 application.

45 Sec. 502. Section 9-140a of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

47 Each absentee ballot applicant shall sign the form on the inner
48 envelope provided for in section 9-137, as amended by this act, which
49 shall constitute a statement under the penalties of false statement in

50 absentee balloting. Any absentee ballot applicant who is unable to write
 51 may cause his name to be signed on the form by an authorized agent
 52 who shall, in the space provided for the signature, write, by hand and
 53 in ink, the name of the applicant followed by the word "by" and his own
 54 original signature. The failure of the applicant or authorized agent to
 55 date the form shall not invalidate the ballot. The ballot shall be inserted
 56 in the inner envelope, and the inner envelope shall be inserted in the
 57 outer envelope, prior to the return of the ballot to the municipal clerk. If
 58 an applicant is required to return identification with the ballot pursuant
 59 to the Help America Vote Act, P.L. 107-252, as amended from time to
 60 time, such identification shall be inserted in the outer envelope so such
 61 identification can be viewed without opening the inner envelope. "

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140(a)(1)
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