



General Assembly

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) (1) Any eligible voter may
2 vote prior to the day of a regular election, primary or referendum held
3 in conjunction with a regular election or primary, in accordance with the
4 provisions of this section, during a period of early voting at each such
5 regular election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each such primary
6 held on or after January 1, 2024. Such period of early voting shall (A)
7 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2 of the general statutes,
8 commence on the fifteenth day prior to and conclude on the second day
9 prior to such regular election or primary, and (B) consist of fourteen total
10 days, at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
11 section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

12 (2) Any eligible voter may vote prior to the day of a special election
13 or referendum not held in conjunction with a regular election or
14 primary, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
15 period of early voting at each such special election or referendum held
16 on or after January 1, 2024. Such period of early voting shall (A)
17 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2 of the general statutes,
18 commence on the fifth day prior to and conclude on the second day
19 prior to such special election or referendum, and (B) consist of four total

20 days, at such times as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
21 section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

22 (b) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a
23 location for the conduct of early voting, which location shall be the same
24 for the duration of the period of early voting except as otherwise
25 specified in this subdivision, provided (A) the registrars of voters have
26 access to the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such
27 location, and (B) such location is certified in writing to the Secretary of
28 the State not later than one hundred twenty days prior to the day of a
29 regular election or primary, or not later than twenty days prior to the
30 day of a special election or referendum not held in conjunction with a
31 regular election or primary. The written certification under
32 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i) the name, street
33 address and relevant contact information associated with such location,
34 (ii) the number of election, primary or referendum officials who shall be
35 appointed by the registrars of voters to serve at such location and the
36 roles of such officials, and (iii) a description of the design of such
37 location and a plan for effective conduct of such early voting. The
38 Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written certification not later
39 than ninety days prior to the day of a regular election or primary, or not
40 later than fifteen days prior to the day of a special election or
41 referendum not held in conjunction with a regular election or primary.
42 If the Secretary disapproves such certification, the Secretary shall
43 provide, in writing, the reasons for such disapproval and shall issue an
44 order for such corrective action as the Secretary deems necessary,
45 including, but not limited to, the appointment of additional election,
46 primary or referendum officials or the alteration of such design or plan.
47 After having received approval of such certification or having complied
48 with any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as
49 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such
50 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one
51 days prior to a regular election or primary, or at least eleven days prior
52 to a special election or referendum not held in conjunction with a regular
53 election or primary. Such location shall not be changed within such

54 period, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of voters
55 unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable within
56 such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate another
57 location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of the location
58 so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that such location
59 has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d and 9-168e of the
60 general statutes shall apply to such location designated for the conduct
61 of early voting.

62 (2) In any municipality with a population of at least twenty thousand,
63 the registrars of voters shall hold a public hearing on whether to
64 designate any additional location in such municipality for the conduct
65 of early voting, which hearing shall be held not later than fifteen days
66 prior to the time for designating any such location set forth in
67 subdivision (1) of this subsection. The registrars shall properly notice
68 such public hearing not later than ten days prior to such public hearing
69 in a newspaper having general circulation in such municipality and on
70 the Internet web site of the municipality. Not later than three days after
71 the conclusion of such public hearing, the registrars shall determine
72 whether to designate any such additional location and shall notify the
73 Secretary of the State of such determination. If the registrars determine
74 that any such additional location be designated, the provisions of
75 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
76 location. If the registrars determine that no additional location be
77 designated, such registrars shall include in such notification to the
78 Secretary a detailed explanation for such determination. For the
79 purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the estimated number
80 of people according to the most recent version of the State Register and
81 Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the general statutes.

82 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election, primary or
83 referendum official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
84 subsection any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
85 The registrars of voters shall supervise each such official and train each
86 such official to be an early voting election, primary or referendum

87 official.

88 (c) Any voter who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at
89 an election, primary or referendum, and is eligible to so vote at such
90 election, primary or referendum, shall (1) appear in person at such times
91 as provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as
92 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of
93 voters for early voting, (2) identify such voter as required by subsection
94 (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes, and (3) declare under oath
95 that such voter has not previously voted in such election, primary or
96 referendum, as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

97 (d) If the registrars of voters determine that a voter is eligible to vote
98 in the election, primary or referendum, the registrars of voters shall
99 check the state-wide centralized voter registration system before
100 allowing such voter to cast an early voting ballot as provided in
101 subsection (e) of this section.

102 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has not already
103 voted, or if there is no report that the voter has already voted, the
104 registrars shall allow such voter to vote.

105 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has already
106 voted, such voter shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be
107 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if
108 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported
109 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an
110 investigation of the matter.

111 (e) If the voter is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall provide
112 such voter with an early voting ballot and early voting envelope and
113 shall make a record of such issuance. The voter shall complete an
114 affirmation printed upon the back of the early voting envelope and shall
115 declare under oath that the voter has not previously voted in the
116 election, primary or referendum. The affirmation shall be in the form
117 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

118 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
119 of false statement (perjury), that:

120 1. I am the voter appearing in person to vote at an election, primary
121 or referendum prior to the day of such election, primary or referendum.

122 2. I am eligible to vote in the election, primary or referendum
123 indicated for today.

124 3. I have identified myself to the satisfaction of the registrars of voters.

125 4. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
126 otherwise than by this ballot at this election, primary or referendum.

127 5. I have received an early voting ballot for the purpose of so voting.

128 (Signature of voter)

129 (f) The voter shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the
130 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars
131 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The voter
132 shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot envelope
133 provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting ballot
134 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
135 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
136 containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal clerk, who
137 shall retain such ballots, if necessary, in the fire-resistive vault or safe
138 provided for in section 7-27 of the general statutes, until delivery of such
139 ballots to the registrars of voters on the day of the election, primary or
140 referendum for the purpose of counting such ballots. A section of the
141 head moderator's return shall show the number of early voting ballots
142 received from voters. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote
143 tally for early voting ballots in a depository envelope with the early
144 voting ballots and store such early voting depository envelope with the
145 other election, primary or referendum results materials. The early
146 voting depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters
147 for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections,

148 primaries or referenda.

149 (g) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of title 9
150 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted under said title
151 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
152 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control
153 and counting of early voting ballots under this section.

154 (h) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any
155 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
156 submitted at the election, primary or referendum, or loiter or peddle or
157 offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within
158 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry
159 to any location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting or
160 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such
161 outside entrance to any such location or in any room opening upon any
162 such corridor, passageway or approach.

163 (i) The provisions of subsections (a) to (h), inclusive, of this section
164 shall not apply to any primary held for the purpose of choosing town
165 committee members.

166 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots received
167 by the municipal clerk prior to the day of an election, primary or
168 referendum, and same-day election or same-day primary registration
169 ballots received by the municipal clerk prior to the day of a regular
170 election or primary, shall be delivered by the municipal clerk to the
171 registrars between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the
172 election, primary or referendum.

173 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day
174 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the
175 central counting location or to the respective polling places when
176 counting is to take place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a of
177 the general statutes at the time, between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock
178 a.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum, designated by

179 the registrars of voters. At the time such ballots are delivered to the
180 ballot counters pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the ballot
181 counters shall perform any checking of such ballots and proceed, as
182 nearly as possible, as provided in section 9-150a of the general statutes.

183 Sec. 3. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the
184 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

185 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
186 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
187 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in
188 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election
189 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.
190 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour
191 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector
192 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the
193 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the
194 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow
195 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
196 line.

197 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
198 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
199 at any regular election, each location designated for [election day] same-
200 day election or same-day primary registration pursuant to subsection
201 (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall, on election day or
202 primary day, as those terms are defined in said section, remain open for
203 [election day] registration and voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight
204 o'clock p.m. No applicant for [election day] same-day election or same-
205 day primary registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to
206 cast such applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the
207 location designated for such purposes [in any regular] on election day
208 or primary day unless such applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An
209 election or primary official or a police officer of the municipality, who is
210 appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be placed at the end of the
211 line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow any

212 applicants who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
213 line.

214 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
215 special act or municipal charter, at any regular election held on or after
216 July 1, 2023, and at any primary held on or after January 1, 2024, each
217 location designated for the conduct of early voting pursuant to
218 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act or for same-day election or same-
219 day primary registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as
220 amended by this act, shall, during the early voting period, remain open
221 from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such location shall
222 remain open from eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m. on the last
223 Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election or primary.

224 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
225 special act or municipal charter, at any special election, and at any
226 referendum not held in conjunction with a regular election or primary,
227 held on or after January 1, 2024, each location designated for the conduct
228 of early voting pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act shall,
229 during the early voting period, remain open from ten o'clock a.m. to six
230 o'clock p.m.

231 (3) No voter shall be permitted to cast such voter's vote after the hour
232 prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early voting at
233 such election, primary or referendum unless such voter is in line at such
234 prescribed hour. An election, primary or referendum official or a police
235 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,
236 shall be placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour. Such
237 official or officer shall not allow any voters who were not in such line at
238 such prescribed hour to enter such line.

239 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is
240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
241 *2023*):

242 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with

243 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for
244 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,
245 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this
246 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such
247 primaries, special elections and referenda not held in conjunction with
248 a regular election or primary which are held on or after January 1, 2024.
249 Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) solutions for ballot or
250 envelope shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in the event of (A) a
251 shortage or absence of [poll workers] election, primary or referendum
252 officials at the polling place or the location designated for early voting,
253 as applicable, (B) a loss of power, (C) a fire or the sounding of an alarm
254 within a polling place or a location designated for early voting, (D)
255 voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural disaster, (F)
256 the need to remove [a poll worker or moderator] an election, primary or
257 referendum official and to replace such [worker or moderator] official,
258 and (G) disorder in and around the polling place or the location
259 designated for early voting.

260 Sec. 5. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
261 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

262 (a) As used in [this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of]
263 this section: [, "election day"]

264 (1) "Election day" means the day on which a regular election, as
265 defined in section 9-1, as amended by this act, is held;

266 (2) "Primary day" means the day on which a primary, as defined in
267 section 9-372 or 9-463, as applicable, is held;

268 (3) "Same-day election registration" means admission as an elector
269 during the period of early voting at a regular election, as provided in
270 section 1 of this act, or on election day; and

271 (4) "Same-day primary registration" means both admission as an
272 elector and enrollment in a political party holding a primary during the
273 period of early voting at a primary, as provided in section 1 of this act,

274 or on primary day.

275 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
276 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
277 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
278 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
279 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
280 of section 9-12, may apply for [admission as an elector on election day]
281 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration
282 pursuant to the provisions [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this
283 section.

284 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
285 completion and processing of [election day registration applications on
286 election day] same-day election registrations and same-day primary
287 registrations, provided (A) the registrars of voters [shall] have access to
288 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
289 and (B) such location [shall be] is certified in writing to the Secretary of
290 the State not later than [thirty-one] forty-five days before election day or
291 primary day. The written certification under subparagraph (B) of this
292 subdivision shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant
293 contact information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and
294 address of each election official or primary official who shall be
295 appointed by the registrars of voters to serve at such location, if any, and
296 (iii) provide a description of the design of such location and a plan for
297 effective completion and processing of such applications. The Secretary
298 shall approve or disapprove such written certification not later than
299 [fifteen] twenty-nine days before election day or primary day and may
300 require the registrars of voters to appoint one or more additional
301 election officials or primary officials or alter such design or plan.

302 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
303 later than [sixty] seventy-four days before election day or primary day,
304 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
305 additional location for the completion and processing of [election day]
306 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [on

307 election day.] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
308 application not later than [forty-five] fifty-nine days before election day
309 or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars
310 of voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions
311 of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
312 location.

313 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official or
314 primary official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
315 [, if any,] any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters.
316 The registrars of voters shall supervise each such election official or
317 primary official and train each such [election] official to be [an election
318 day registration election] a same-day election or same-day primary
319 registration official.

320 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day
321 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of
322 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in
323 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on
324 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not
325 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
326 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars
327 of voters for [election day registration] same-day election or same-day
328 primary registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to
329 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such
330 times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174, as
331 amended by this act, at such location, (2) an applicant who is a student
332 enrolled at an institution of higher education may submit a current
333 photo identification card issued by such institution in lieu of the
334 identification required by section 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall
335 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
336 election or primary, as provided in subsection (f) of this section. If the
337 information that the applicant is required to provide under section 9-20
338 and [subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] this section does not include
339 proof of the applicant's residential address, the applicant shall also

340 submit identification that shows the applicant's bona fide residence
341 address, including, but not limited to, a learner's permit issued under
342 section 14-36 or a utility bill that has the applicant's name and current
343 address and that has a due date that is not later than thirty days after
344 the election or primary or, in the case of a student enrolled at an
345 institution of higher education, a registration or fee statement from such
346 institution that has the applicant's name and current address.

347 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
348 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
349 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
350 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector or
351 enrolling such applicant in a political party holding a primary.

352 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
353 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
354 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.
355 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters
356 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,
357 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party
358 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of
359 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

360 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
361 elector in another municipality and such applicant [states that he or she]
362 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
363 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
364 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
365 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
366 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
367 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
368 the election officials or primary officials in such municipality to remove
369 such elector from the official voter list and, if applicable, any enrollment
370 list of such municipality. Such election officials or primary officials shall
371 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and, if
372 applicable, enrollment list and mark "off" next to such elector's name on

373 any such [official voter] list.

374 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
375 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
376 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
377 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
378 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary
379 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in
380 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the
381 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
382 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks
383 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters
384 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
385 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot
386 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections
387 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
388 matter.

389 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
390 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
391 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
392 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the
393 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the
394 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's
395 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach
396 immediately.

397 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
398 shall provide the elector with [an election day] a same-day election or
399 same-day primary registration ballot and [election day] same-day
400 election or same-day primary registration envelope and shall make a
401 record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation
402 imprinted upon the back of the same-day election or same-day primary
403 registration envelope [for an election day registration ballot] and shall
404 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
405 election or primary. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as

406 follows and signed by the voter:

407 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
408 of false statement, (perjury) that:

409 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

410 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today
411 in the town indicated.

412 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
413 complete.

414 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

415 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
416 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
417 such prior registration.

418 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
419 otherwise than by this ballot at this election or primary.

420 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election
421 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an
422 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary
423 registration ballot.

424 (Signature of voter)

425 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day
426 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the
427 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall
428 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day
429 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the
430 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
431 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
432 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
433 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot

434 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
435 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
436 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary
437 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots,
438 if necessary, in the fire-resistive vault or safe provided for in section 7-
439 27, until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election
440 day or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election
441 day or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters
442 and noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of
443 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day]
444 same-day election or same-day primary registration ballots received on
445 such election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,
446 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
447 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
448 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary
449 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
450 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-
451 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from
452 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for
453 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
454 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day
455 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such
456 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
457 depository envelope with the other election or primary results
458 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
459 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
460 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
461 elections.

462 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of
463 [the general statutes and regulations] title 9 and any regulation adopted
464 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control
465 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the
466 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or
467 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),

468 inclusive, of] this section.

469 (i) After the acceptance of [an election day] a same-day election or
470 same-day primary registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith
471 send a registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each
472 applicant who [is] was admitted as an elector on election day [under
473 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of] or during the period of early voting
474 prior to election day, or who was enrolled in a political party holding a
475 primary on primary day or during the period of early voting prior to
476 primary day, under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first
477 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not
478 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
479 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the
480 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,
481 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

482 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the
483 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in] any candidate or on
484 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the
485 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or
486 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any
487 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the
488 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day
489 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other
490 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location
491 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
492 approach.

493 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
494 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
495 *2023*):

496 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
497 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
498 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
499 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be

500 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in
501 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
502 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
503 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such
504 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen
505 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
506 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in
507 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location
508 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting
509 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,
510 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for
511 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the
512 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early
513 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record
514 each such warning.

515 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to
516 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to
517 November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this section shall
518 be given not more than seven nor less than four days previous to
519 holding such election.

520 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is
521 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
522 *2023*):

523 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
524 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection
525 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town
526 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper
527 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such
528 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
529 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
530 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be
531 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the
532 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town

533 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of
534 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in
535 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
536 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site of
537 each location designated for [election day] same-day election
538 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for
539 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record
540 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
541 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a
542 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or
543 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen
544 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
545 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of
546 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within
547 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
548 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
549 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the
550 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and
551 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
552 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site
553 of each location designated for [election day registration] same-day
554 election registration in such city or borough, and (IV) the time and the
555 site of each location designated for the conduct of early voting in such
556 city or borough.

557 Sec. 8. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-255a of the general
558 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
559 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

560 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each
561 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State
562 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have
563 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such
564 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number
565 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in

566 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held
567 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary or special election held on
568 or after January 1, 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided
569 by the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,
570 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each such polling place or
571 location, as applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or
572 primaries of similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The
573 registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such
574 certification any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such
575 polling place or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be
576 provided to the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the
577 commencement of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-
578 one days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at a
579 primary.

580 (b) If the registrars of voters and municipal clerk of a municipality do
581 not jointly submit the certification as set forth in subsection (a) of this
582 section, such registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall order a
583 number of ballots equal to the total number of registered voters in their
584 municipality for such election or primary.

585 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to
586 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections
587 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the
588 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before
589 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the
590 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at
591 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such
592 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the
593 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a
594 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

595 Sec. 9. Section 9-373a of the general statutes is repealed and the
596 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

597 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district

598 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his
599 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the
600 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and
601 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of
602 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary
603 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of
604 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a
605 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall
606 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be
607 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election
608 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on
609 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early
610 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person
611 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating
612 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the
613 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy
614 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of
615 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in
616 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town
617 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more
618 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town
619 not later than the last business day preceding the commencement of the
620 period of early voting at such election. A person may register as a write-
621 in candidate for a district or municipal office if such person's name
622 appears on the last-completed registry list of the district or municipality
623 represented by such office, as the case may be. A person may register as
624 a write-in candidate for a state office if such person's name appears on
625 the last-completed registry list of the state.

626 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-224b of the general statutes
627 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
628 *January 1, 2024*):

629 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in order to be
630 a valid write-in candidate in a special election called to fill a vacancy in

631 a state, district or municipal office, a person shall register with the
632 Secretary of the State not earlier than ninety days before such election
633 and not later than the end of the business day on the fourteenth day
634 preceding the commencement of the period of early voting at such
635 election.

636 (b) In order to be a valid write-in candidate in a special election called
637 to fill a vacancy in the municipal office of town meeting member in any
638 town having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or
639 more members, a person shall register with the town clerk of such town
640 not earlier than ninety days preceding such election and not later than
641 the last business day preceding the commencement of the period of
642 early voting at the election.

643 Sec. 11. Section 9-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the
644 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

645 (a) At any time prior to a primary held before January 1, 2024, and
646 pursuant to sections 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to
647 any regular election held before July 1, 2023, or any special election held
648 before January 1, 2024, the Superior Court may issue an order removing
649 a candidate from a ballot where it is shown that [said] such candidate is
650 improperly on the ballot.

651 (b) At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early
652 voting at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to
653 sections 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the
654 commencement of the period of early voting at any regular election held
655 on or after July 1, 2023, or at any special election held on or after January
656 1, 2024, the Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate
657 from a ballot where it is shown that such candidate is improperly on the
658 ballot.

659 Sec. 12. Section 9-460 of the general statutes is repealed and the
660 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

661 If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after

662 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot
663 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in
664 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee
665 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on
666 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,
667 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified
668 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such
669 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation
670 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for
671 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another
672 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not
673 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a
674 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no
675 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this
676 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed
677 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the
678 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator
679 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in
680 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state
681 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the
682 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No
683 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is
684 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office
685 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or
686 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state
687 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee
688 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of
689 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this
690 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days before the election, but
691 prior to twenty-four hours before the [opening of the polls on the day
692 of] commencement of the period of early voting at the election for which
693 such nomination has been made, the vacancy may be filled in the
694 manner prescribed in this section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before
695 the [election] first day of such period of early voting with the municipal
696 clerk or the Secretary of the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies

697 within twenty-four hours before the [opening of the polls]
698 commencement of the period of early voting at the election and prior to
699 the close of the polls on the day of the election for which such
700 nomination has been made, such nominee shall not be replaced and the
701 votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed and counted, and if such
702 nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast, a vacancy shall exist in the
703 office for which the nomination was made. The vacancy shall then be
704 filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy of such certification to the
705 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. Such
706 nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or disqualification shall
707 include a statement setting forth the reason for such vacancy. If at the
708 time such nomination is certified to the Secretary of the State or to the
709 municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have already been
710 printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal clerk in each
711 municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with the
712 nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers to be
713 affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has died,
714 withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any
715 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as
716 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank
717 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

718 Sec. 13. Section 9-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
719 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

720 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-
721 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a
722 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed
723 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the
724 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
725 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for
726 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
727 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such
728 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner
729 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,

730 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed
731 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one
732 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a
733 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so
734 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of
735 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names
736 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the
737 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of
738 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town
739 committee members to be elected by such party either in the
740 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no
741 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed
742 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully
743 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in
744 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other
745 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a
746 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
747 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
748 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position
749 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot
750 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining
751 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate
752 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the
753 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
754 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or
755 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and
756 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to
757 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent
758 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no
759 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

760 Sec. 14. Section 9-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
761 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

762 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for

763 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four
764 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
765 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day
766 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from
767 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or
768 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the
769 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such
770 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for
771 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the
772 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to
773 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so
774 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior
775 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting
776 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate
777 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such
778 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to
779 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such
780 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed
781 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such
782 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within
783 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been
784 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position
785 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the
786 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such
787 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so
788 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement
789 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made
790 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the
791 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
792 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have
793 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the
794 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling
795 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the
796 opening of the polls at such primary.

797 Sec. 15. Section 9-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the
798 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

799 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
800 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of
801 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,
802 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been
803 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-
804 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates
805 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated
806 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,
807 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to
808 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

809 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
810 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
811 *1, 2024*):

812 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
813 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
814 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
815 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of
816 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to
817 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices
818 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of
819 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,
820 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

821 Sec. 17. Section 9-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the
822 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

823 The Secretary of the State shall provide to the clerk of the
824 municipality in which such election is to be held a list of the candidates
825 of each party for such office by the thirty-fourth day before the
826 commencement of the period of early voting at such special election.

827 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is

828 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
829 *2023*):

830 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

831 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,
832 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the
833 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be
834 open;

835 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each
836 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for
837 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of
838 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,
839 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
840 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state
841 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact
842 information" means any or all of the following information received by
843 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties
844 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing
845 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address
846 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a
847 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President
848 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress
849 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election
850 Commission's web site;

851 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
852 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
853 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state
854 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of
855 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state
856 congressional districts;

857 (4) A description of each office to be filled at the state election;

858 (5) An absentee ballot application in printable format;

- 859 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;
- 860 (7) Information on the procedure for registering to vote;
- 861 (8) A voter registration application in printable format;
- 862 (9) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment that will
863 appear on the ballot at the state election;
- 864 (10) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such
865 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office of
866 Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a; and
- 867 (11) The text of the Voter's Bill of Rights set forth in section 9-236b.

868 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the State
869 shall develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to
870 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at elections,
871 primaries and referenda and provide information to the public
872 concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the number
873 of days of early voting prior to an election, primary or referendum, the
874 hours for early voting during such days and the procedures for casting
875 a ballot at locations designated for the conduct of early voting.

876 (b) The Secretary of the State shall develop an early voting procedure
877 manual, which shall include, but need not be limited to, a model plan
878 for the designation and staffing of locations for the conduct of early
879 voting, and shall revise such procedure manual as necessary in
880 accordance with changes in the law relating to the conduct of early
881 voting. The Secretary shall distribute such procedure manual, and any
882 revision to such procedure manual, to each registrar of voters and
883 municipal clerk and shall publish such procedure manual, and any such
884 revision, on the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the
885 State.

886 Sec. 20. Section 9-235e of the general statutes is repealed and the
887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

888 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the
889 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling
890 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the
891 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
892 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or
893 location and any such recanvass for compliance with state and federal
894 law. If the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or
895 primary at a polling place or location designated for the conduct of early
896 voting, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling place or
897 location pursuant to the provisions of this section.

898 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is
899 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
900 *2023*):

901 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
902 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,
903 except conduct early voting pursuant to section 1 of this act, by entering
904 into an agreement pursuant to this section. Any such agreement shall be
905 negotiated and shall contain all provisions upon which each
906 participating municipality agrees. Any such agreement shall establish a
907 process for amendment of, termination of and withdrawal from such
908 agreement. Any proposed agreement shall be submitted to the
909 legislative body of each participating municipality for a vote to ratify or
910 reject such agreement. The legislative body of each participating
911 municipality shall provide an opportunity for public comment prior to
912 any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing an opportunity
913 for public comment does not require a legislative body to conduct a
914 public hearing.

915 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
916 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
917 *2023*):

918 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
919 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter

944 twenty-five thousand persons shall be required to hold sessions for
945 admission of electors on the [fourteenth] eighteenth day before primary
946 day.

947 Sec. 25. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is
948 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
949 *2023*):

950 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
951 section after the [seventh] eighteenth day before an election or after the
952 [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary, the privileges of an elector shall
953 not attach until the day after such election or primary, as the case may
954 be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such applicant,
955 either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant of the
956 effect of such late received application and any applicable deadline for
957 applying for admission in person.

958 Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
959 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
960 *1, 2023*):

961 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of
962 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
963 application and review the application to determine whether the
964 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
965 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on
966 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,
967 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date
968 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to
969 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not
970 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,
971 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall
972 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the
973 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally
974 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has
975 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be

976 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during
977 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and
978 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of
979 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning
980 on the [twentieth] thirty-first day before such election and ending on the
981 [seventh] eighteenth day before such election, (ii) during the period
982 beginning on the [sixth] seventeenth day before an election and ending
983 on election day if the application has been received by the [seventh]
984 eighteenth day before an election by the Commissioner of Motor
985 Vehicles or by a voter registration agency, (iii) during the period
986 beginning on the [twenty-first] thirty-fourth day before a primary and
987 ending on the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary, or (iv) during the
988 period beginning on the [fourth] seventeenth day before a primary and
989 ending at twelve o'clock noon on the last weekday before a primary, if
990 the application has been postmarked by the [fifth] eighteenth day before
991 the primary and is received in the office of the registrars of voters during
992 such period or if the application is received by the [fifth] eighteenth day
993 before a primary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
994 registration agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an application
995 at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail
996 with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable
997 at the address shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall
998 indicate the effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment,
999 the date of the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the
1000 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and
1001 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned
1002 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
1003 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first
1004 deadline in section 9-35. An applicant for admission as an elector
1005 pursuant to this section and section 9-23h may only be admitted as an
1006 elector by a registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not later
1007 than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State shall
1008 establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this subsection
1009 for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held in the
1010 following calendar year.

1011 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the privileges
1012 of an elector for any applicant for admission under this section and
1013 section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by the registrar,
1014 and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

1015 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed
1016 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the
1017 office of the registrars of voters, after the [seventh] eighteenth day before
1018 an election or after the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary, the
1019 privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after such election
1020 or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters
1021 may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to
1022 inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in
1023 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in
1024 person.

1025 (3) If an application is received after the [seventh] eighteenth day
1026 before an election or after the [fifth] eighteenth day before a primary by
1027 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration agency,
1028 the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after the election
1029 or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar approves it,
1030 whichever is later.

1031 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
1032 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
1033 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
1034 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
1035 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
1036 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
1037 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
1038 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
1039 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
1040 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
1041 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
1042 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
1043 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)

1044 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

1045 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the
1046 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1047 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1048 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
1049 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of
1050 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
1051 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
1052 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
1053 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
1054 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such
1055 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at
1056 elections, primaries and referenda. Any registrar who fails to satisfy
1057 such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of
1058 the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

1059 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 9-320f of the general statutes is
1060 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1061 *2023*):

1062 (a) Not earlier than the fifteenth day after any election or primary and
1063 not later than two business days before the canvass of votes by the
1064 Secretary of the State, Treasurer and Comptroller, for any federal or
1065 state election or primary, or by the town clerk for any municipal election
1066 or primary, the registrars of voters shall conduct a manual audit or, for
1067 an election or primary held on or after January 1, 2016, an electronic
1068 audit authorized under section 9-320g of the votes recorded in not less
1069 than five per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or
1070 municipality, whichever is applicable. For the purposes of this section,
1071 any central location used in a municipality for the counting of absentee
1072 ballots, early voting ballots or same-day election or same-day primary
1073 registration ballots shall be deemed a voting district. Such manual or
1074 electronic audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public
1075 observation. Any election official who participates in the administration

1076 and conduct of an audit pursuant to this section shall be compensated
1077 by the municipality at the standard rate of pay established by such
1078 municipality for elections or primaries, as the case may be.

1079 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is
1080 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1081 *2023*):

1082 (a) The registrars of voters in the several towns and, in towns where
1083 there are different registrars for different voting districts, the registrars
1084 of voters in such districts shall appoint the moderators of regular and
1085 special state and municipal elections in their respective towns or
1086 districts. For the purpose of providing a reserve group of persons who
1087 may serve as moderators, the registrars shall designate alternate
1088 moderators from among those persons chosen as official checkers, or
1089 tabulator tenders, in the following minimum numbers: In towns with
1090 one or more but not exceeding three voting districts, one alternate
1091 moderator; in towns with four or more but not exceeding eight voting
1092 districts, two alternate moderators; in towns with more than eight
1093 voting districts, a number of alternate moderators equal to one-fourth
1094 of the number of voting districts rounded off to the nearest multiple of
1095 four. In case the registrars fail to agree in the choice of a moderator or
1096 alternate moderator, the choice shall be determined between such
1097 registrars by lot. In the case of a primary, the registrar, as defined in
1098 section 9-372, shall so appoint such moderators and alternate
1099 moderators. Moderators and alternate moderators shall be appointed at
1100 least twenty days before the commencement of the period of early
1101 voting at such election or primary. The registrars shall submit a list of
1102 the names of such moderators and alternate moderators to the
1103 municipal clerk, which list shall be made available for public inspection
1104 by such clerk. Each person appointed to serve as moderator or alternate
1105 moderator shall be certified by the Secretary of the State in accordance
1106 with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, except as provided
1107 in subsection (d) of this section or section 9-436.

1108 Sec. 30. Section 9-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1109 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

1110 The registrars of voters of each municipality shall, not less than ten
1111 days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at an
1112 election, file with the Secretary of the State a sample ballot identical with
1113 those to be provided for each polling place under section 9-255. The
1114 Secretary of the State shall examine the sample ballot required to be filed
1115 under this section, and if such sample ballot contains an error, the
1116 Secretary of the State shall order the registrars of voters to reprint a
1117 corrected sample ballot or to take other such action as the Secretary may
1118 deem appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-174
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-174a(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-19j
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-225(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-226(a)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-255a(a) to (c)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-373a
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-224b(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	9-329b
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-460
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-426
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-428
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-429
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-55(b)
Sec. 17	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	9-217
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-4a(b)
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-235e
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-6c(a)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-50b(c)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-1(y)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-17(a)

Sec. 25	July 1, 2023	9-19k(f)
Sec. 26	July 1, 2023	9-23g(c) and (d)
Sec. 27	July 1, 2023	9-192a(a)(3)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2023	9-320f(a)
Sec. 29	July 1, 2023	9-229(a)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2023	9-256

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a)(1)(B), "subdivision (1) of" was added for accuracy; in Section 1(a)(2), "and at each such" was changed to "or" for conciseness, and "subdivision (2) of" was added in Subpara. (B) for accuracy; in Section 1(b)(1), "ninety days before the day of such regular election" was changed to "ninety days prior to the day of a regular election" for consistency, and Subpara. (B)(ii) was rewritten for internal consistency and clarity; in Section 1(c), "subsection (f)" was changed to "subsection (e)" for accuracy; in Section 2, Subsec. (a) was rewritten, and "or referendum" was added in Subsec. (b), for internal consistency; in Section 3, references to "same-day election or same-day primary registration" were added in Subsecs. (b) and (c)(1) for internal consistency; in Sections 3(c)(2) and 4(a), "not held in conjunction with a regular election" was changed to "not held in conjunction with a regular election or primary" for internal consistency; in Section 5(a)(3), "an election" was changed to "a regular election" for internal consistency; in Section 5(c)(1), "forty-nine" and "thirty-three" were changed to "forty-five" and "twenty-nine", respectively, for internal consistency, and Subpara. (B)(ii) was rewritten for internal consistency and clarity; in Section 5(c)(2), "seventy-eight" and "sixty-three" were changed to "seventy-four" and "fifty-nine", respectively, for internal consistency; in Section 5(e)(2), "or primary officials" was added for consistency; in Section 7(a)(2)(D)(ii)(III), "in such city or borough" was added for consistency; in Section 11(a), "election" was changed to "regular election" for internal consistency; in Section 20, references to "location designated for the conduct of early voting" were added for consistency; in Section 21, "pursuant to section 1 of this act" was added for accuracy; in Section 24(a), references to "fourteenth" were changed to "eighteenth" for internal consistency; and in Section 28, "same-day registration" was changed to "same-day election or same-day primary registration" for consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

