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AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 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) Any eligible voter may
2 vote prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum, in
3 accordance with the provisions of this section, during a period of early
4 voting at each regular election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each
5 primary, special election or referendum held on or after January 1, 2024.

6 (b) Such period of early voting shall (1) commence on the nineteenth
7 day, and conclude on the second day, prior to such election, primary or
8 referendum, and (2) consist of eighteen total days, at such times as
9 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act.

11 (c) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a
12 location for the conduct of early voting, provided (A) the registrars of
13 voters have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration
14 system from such location, and (B) such location is certified in writing

15 to the Secretary of the State not later than one hundred twenty days
16 prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum. The written
17 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i)
18 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
19 with such location, (ii) the number of election, primary or referendum
20 officials appointed to serve at such location and the roles of such
21 officials, and (iii) a description of the design of such location and a plan
22 for effective conduct of such early voting. The Secretary shall approve
23 or disapprove such written certification not later than ninety days before
24 the day of such election, primary or referendum. If the Secretary
25 disapproves such certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing,
26 the reasons for such disapproval and shall issue an order for such
27 corrective action as the Secretary deems necessary, including, but not
28 limited to, the appointment of additional election, primary or
29 referendum officials or the alteration of such design or plan. After
30 having received approval of such certification or having complied with
31 any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as
32 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such
33 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one
34 days prior to an election, primary or referendum. Such location shall not
35 be changed within the period of thirty-one days prior to such election,
36 primary or referendum, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of
37 voters unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable
38 within such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate
39 another location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of
40 the location so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that
41 such location has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d
42 and 9-168e of the general statutes shall apply to such location designated
43 for the conduct of early voting.

44 (2) The registrars of voters of any municipality with a population of
45 at least forty-five thousand may apply to the Secretary of the State not
46 later than one hundred twenty days before the day of an election,
47 primary or referendum, in a form and manner prescribed by the
48 Secretary, to designate any additional location for the conduct of early

49 voting. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not
50 later than ninety days before the day of such election, primary or
51 referendum. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars of
52 voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions of
53 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional
54 location. For the purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the
55 estimated number of people according to the most recent version of the
56 State Register and Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the
57 general statutes.

58 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election, primary or
59 referendum official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section
60 any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The
61 registrars of voters shall supervise each such official and train each such
62 official to be an early voting election, primary or referendum official.

63 (d) Any voter who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at
64 an election, primary or referendum, and is eligible to so vote at such
65 election, primary or referendum, shall (1) appear in person at such time
66 as provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as
67 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of
68 voters for early voting, (2) identify such voter as required by subsection
69 (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes, and (3) declare under oath
70 that such voter has not previously voted in such election, primary or
71 referendum, as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

72 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that a voter is eligible to vote
73 in the election, primary or referendum, the registrars of voters shall
74 check the state-wide centralized voter registration system before
75 allowing such voter to cast an early voting ballot as provided in
76 subsection (f) of this section.

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

80 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has already

81 voted, such voter shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be
82 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if
83 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported
84 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an
85 investigation of the matter.

86 (f) If the voter is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall provide
87 such voter with an early voting ballot and early voting envelope and
88 shall make a record of such issuance. The voter shall complete an
89 affirmation printed upon the back of the early voting envelope and shall
90 declare under oath that the voter has not previously voted in the
91 election, primary or referendum. The affirmation shall be in the form
92 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

103 (Signature of voter)

104 (g) The voter shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the
105 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars
106 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The voter
107 shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot envelope
108 provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting ballot
109 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early

110 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
111 containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal clerk, who
112 shall retain such ballots until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of
113 voters on the day of the election, primary or referendum for the purpose
114 of counting such ballots. A section of the head moderator's return shall
115 show the number of early voting ballots received from voters. The
116 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for early voting
117 ballots in a depository envelope with the early voting ballots and store
118 such early voting depository envelope with the other election, primary
119 or referendum results materials. The early voting depository envelope
120 shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time
121 required to preserve counted ballots for elections, primaries or
122 referenda.

123 (h) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of title 9
124 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted under said title
125 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
126 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control
127 and counting of early voting ballots under this section.

128 (i) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any
129 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being
130 submitted at the election, primary or referendum, or loiter or peddle or
131 offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within
132 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry
133 to any location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting or
134 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such
135 outside entrance to any such location or in any room opening upon any
136 such corridor, passageway or approach.

137 (j) The provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section
138 shall not apply to any primary held for the purpose of choosing town
139 committee members.

140 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots and same-
141 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received by the

142 municipal clerk prior to the day of the election or primary shall be
143 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars between six o'clock
144 a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the election or primary.

145 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day
146 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the
147 central counting location or to the respective polling places when
148 counting is to take place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a of
149 the general statutes at the time, between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock
150 a.m. on the day of the election or primary, designated by the registrars
151 of voters. At the time such ballots are delivered to the ballot counters
152 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the ballot counters shall
153 perform any checking of such ballots and proceed, as nearly as possible,
154 as provided in section 9-150a of the general statutes.

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

157 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
158 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
159 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in
160 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election
161 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.
162 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour
163 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector
164 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the
165 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the
166 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow
167 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such
168 line.

169 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any
170 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,
171 at any regular election, each location designated for election day
172 registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by
173 this act, shall remain open for election day registration and voting from

174 six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day
175 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such
176 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location
177 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such
178 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police
179 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,
180 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or
181 officer shall not allow any applicants who were not in such line at eight
182 o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

183 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
184 special act or municipal charter, at any election held on or after July 1,
185 2023, and at any primary, special election or referendum held on or after
186 January 1, 2024, each location designated for early voting pursuant to
187 subsection (c) of section 1 of this act shall, during the early voting period,
188 remain open from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such
189 location shall remain open from eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m.
190 on the last Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election, primary or
191 referendum. No voter shall be permitted to cast such voter's vote after
192 the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early
193 voting at such election, primary or referendum unless such voter is in
194 line at such prescribed hour. An election, primary or referendum official
195 or a police officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars
196 of voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour.
197 Such official or officer shall not allow any voters who were not in such
198 line at such prescribed hour to enter such line.

199 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is
200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
201 *2023*):

202 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with
203 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for
204 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,
205 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this
206 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such

207 primaries, special elections and referenda held on or after January 1,
208 2024. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) solutions for
209 ballot or envelope shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in the event
210 of (A) a shortage or absence of [poll workers] election, primary or
211 referendum officials at the polling place or the location designated for
212 early voting, as applicable, (B) a loss of power, (C) a fire or the sounding
213 of an alarm within a polling place or a location designated for early
214 voting, (D) voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural
215 disaster, (F) the need to remove [a poll worker or moderator] an election,
216 primary or referendum official and to replace such [worker or
217 moderator] official, and (G) disorder in and around the polling place or
218 the location designated for early voting.

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

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

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

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

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

230 (4) "Same-day primary registration" means both admission as an
231 elector and enrollment in a political party holding a primary during the
232 period of early voting at a primary, as provided in section 1 of this act,
233 or on primary day.

234 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
235 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
236 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality

237 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
238 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
239 of section 9-12, may apply for [admission as an elector on election day]
240 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration
241 pursuant to the provisions [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this
242 section.

243 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
244 completion and processing of [election day registration applications on
245 election day] same-day election registrations and same-day primary
246 registrations, provided (A) the registrars of voters [shall] have access to
247 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
248 and (B) such location [shall be] is certified in writing to the Secretary of
249 the State not later than [thirty-one] forty-nine days before election day
250 or primary day. The written certification under subparagraph (B) of this
251 subdivision shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant
252 contact information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and
253 address of each election official or primary official appointed to serve at
254 such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description of the design of such
255 location and a plan for effective completion and processing of such
256 applications. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written
257 certification not later than [fifteen] thirty-three days before election day
258 or primary day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one
259 or more additional election officials or primary officials or alter such
260 design or plan.

261 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
262 later than [sixty] seventy-eight days before election day or primary day,
263 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any
264 additional location for the completion and processing of [election day]
265 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [on
266 election day.] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
267 application not later than [forty-five] sixty-three days before election
268 day or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the
269 registrars of voters may so designate any such additional location. The
270 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such

271 additional location.

272 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official
273 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection [, if any,] any
274 of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars
275 of voters shall supervise each such election official or primary official
276 and train each such [election] official to be [an election day registration
277 election] a same-day election or same-day primary registration official.

278 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day
279 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of
280 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in
281 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on
282 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not
283 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section
284 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars
285 of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
286 registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to election
287 day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such time as
288 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, at
289 such location, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
290 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
291 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section
292 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
293 has not previously voted in the election or primary, as provided in
294 subsection (f) of this section. If the information that the applicant is
295 required to provide under section 9-20 and [subsections (a) to (i),
296 inclusive, of] this section does not include proof of the applicant's
297 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
298 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
299 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
300 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
301 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or primary or, in
302 the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a
303 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the
304 applicant's name and current address.

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

310 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
311 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
312 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.
313 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters
314 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,
315 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party
316 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of
317 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

318 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
319 elector in another municipality and such applicant [states that he or she]
320 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
321 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
322 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
323 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
324 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
325 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
326 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
327 the official voter list and, if applicable, any enrollment list of such
328 municipality. Such election officials shall cross through the elector's
329 name on such official voter list and, if applicable, enrollment list and
330 mark "off" next to such elector's name on any such [official voter] list.

331 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
332 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
333 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
334 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
335 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary
336 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in
337 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the

338 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
339 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks
340 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters
341 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After
342 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot
343 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections
344 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
345 matter.

346 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the
347 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
348 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
349 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the
350 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the
351 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's
352 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach
353 immediately.

354 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
355 shall provide the elector with [an election day] a same-day election or
356 same-day primary registration ballot and [election day] same-day
357 election or same-day primary registration envelope and shall make a
358 record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation
359 imprinted upon the back of the same-day election or same-day primary
360 registration envelope [for an election day registration ballot] and shall
361 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
362 election or primary. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as
363 follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

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

369 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
370 complete.

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

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

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

377 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election
378 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an
379 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary
380 registration ballot.

381 (Signature of voter)

382 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day
383 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the
384 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall
385 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day
386 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the
387 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
388 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
389 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured
390 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot
391 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early
392 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
393 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary
394 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots
395 until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election day
396 or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election day
397 or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters and
398 noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of voters
399 shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day] same-day

400 election or same-day primary registration ballots received on such
401 election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,
402 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are
403 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
404 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary
405 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the
406 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-
407 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from
408 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for
409 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
410 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day
411 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such
412 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration
413 depository envelope with the other election or primary results
414 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary
415 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of
416 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for
417 elections.

418 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of
419 [the general statutes and regulations] title 9 and any regulation adopted
420 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control
421 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the
422 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or
423 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),
424 inclusive, of] this section.

425 (i) After the acceptance of [an election day] a same-day election or
426 same-day primary registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith
427 send a registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each
428 applicant who [is] was admitted as an elector on election day or during
429 the period of early voting prior to election day, or who was enrolled in
430 a political party holding a primary on primary day or during the period
431 of early voting prior to primary day, under [subsections (a) to (i),
432 inclusive, of] this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class
433 mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not

434 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
435 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the
436 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,
437 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

438 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the
439 candidacy of another or himself or herself] any candidate or [in] on
440 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the
441 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or
442 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any
443 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the
444 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day
445 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other
446 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location
447 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or
448 approach.

449 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is
450 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
451 *2023*):

452 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
453 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors
454 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November
455 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be
456 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in
457 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection
458 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
459 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such
460 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen
461 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
462 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in
463 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location
464 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting
465 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,
466 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for

467 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the
468 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early
469 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record
470 each such warning.

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

476 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is
477 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
478 *2023*):

479 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects
480 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection
481 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town
482 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper
483 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such
484 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
485 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
486 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be
487 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the
488 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town
489 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of
490 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in
491 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
492 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site of
493 each location designated for [election day] same-day election
494 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for
495 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record
496 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
497 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a
498 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or
499 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen

500 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the
501 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of
502 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within
503 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous
504 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the
505 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the
506 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and
507 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each
508 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site
509 of each location designated for [election day] same-day election
510 registration, and (IV) the time and the site of each location designated
511 for the conduct of early voting, in such city or borough.

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

515 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each
516 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State
517 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have
518 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such
519 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number
520 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in
521 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held
522 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary or special election held on
523 or after January 1, 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided
524 by the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,
525 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each such polling place or
526 location, as applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or
527 primaries of similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The
528 registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such
529 certification any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such
530 polling place or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be
531 provided to the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the
532 commencement of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-
533 one days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at a

534 primary.

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

540 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to
541 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections
542 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the
543 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before
544 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the
545 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at
546 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such
547 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the
548 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a
549 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

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

552 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district
553 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his
554 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the
555 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and
556 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of
557 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary
558 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of
559 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a
560 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall
561 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be
562 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election
563 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on
564 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early
565 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person

566 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating
567 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the
568 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy
569 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of
570 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in
571 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town
572 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more
573 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town
574 not later than the last business day preceding such election. A person
575 may register as a write-in candidate for a district or municipal office if
576 such person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the
577 district or municipality represented by such office, as the case may be.
578 A person may register as a write-in candidate for a state office if such
579 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

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

583 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in order to be
584 a valid write-in candidate in a special election called to fill a vacancy in
585 a state, district or municipal office, a person shall register with the
586 Secretary of the State not earlier than ninety days before such election
587 and not later than the end of the business day on the fourteenth day
588 preceding the commencement of the period of early voting at such
589 election.

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

597 Sec. 11. Section 9-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the

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

599 At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early voting
600 at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to sections
601 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the commencement of
602 the period of early voting at any regular election held on or after July 1,
603 2023, or at any special election held on or after January 1, 2024, the
604 Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate from a ballot
605 where it is shown that said candidate is improperly on the ballot.

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

608 If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after
609 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot
610 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in
611 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee
612 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on
613 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,
614 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified
615 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such
616 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation
617 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for
618 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another
619 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not
620 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a
621 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no
622 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this
623 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed
624 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the
625 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator
626 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in
627 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state
628 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the
629 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No
630 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is

631 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office
632 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or
633 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state
634 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee
635 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of
636 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this
637 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days, but prior to twenty-four
638 hours, before the [opening of the polls on the day of] commencement of
639 the period of early voting at the election for which such nomination has
640 been made, the vacancy may be filled in the manner prescribed in this
641 section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before the [election] first day of
642 such period of early voting with the municipal clerk or the Secretary of
643 the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies within twenty-four hours
644 before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early
645 voting at the election and prior to the close of the polls on the day of the
646 election for which such nomination has been made, such nominee shall
647 not be replaced and the votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed
648 and counted, and if such nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast,
649 a vacancy shall exist in the office for which the nomination was made.
650 The vacancy shall then be filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy
651 of such certification to the municipal clerk shall also be filed with the
652 Secretary of the State. Such nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or
653 disqualification shall include a statement setting forth the reason for
654 such vacancy. If at the time such nomination is certified to the Secretary
655 of the State or to the municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have
656 already been printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal
657 clerk in each municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with
658 the nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers
659 to be affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has
660 died, withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any
661 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as
662 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank
663 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

664 Sec. 13. Section 9-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the

665 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

666 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-
667 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a
668 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed
669 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the
670 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
671 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for
672 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of
673 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such
674 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner
675 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,
676 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed
677 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one
678 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a
679 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so
680 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of
681 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names
682 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the
683 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of
684 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town
685 committee members to be elected by such party either in the
686 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no
687 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed
688 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully
689 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in
690 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other
691 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a
692 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
693 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from
694 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position
695 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot
696 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining
697 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate
698 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the

699 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
700 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or
701 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and
702 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to
703 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent
704 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no
705 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

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

708 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for
709 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four
710 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
711 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day
712 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from
713 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or
714 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the
715 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such
716 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for
717 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the
718 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to
719 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so
720 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior
721 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting
722 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate
723 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such
724 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to
725 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such
726 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed
727 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such
728 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within
729 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been
730 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position
731 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the
732 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such

733 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so
734 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement
735 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made
736 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the
737 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at
738 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have
739 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the
740 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling
741 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the
742 opening of the polls at such primary.

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

745 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of
746 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of
747 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,
748 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been
749 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-
750 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates
751 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated
752 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,
753 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to
754 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

755 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is
756 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*
757 *1, 2024*):

758 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a
759 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the
760 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in
761 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of
762 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to
763 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices
764 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of

765 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,
766 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

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

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

773 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is
774 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
775 *2023*):

776 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

777 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,
778 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the
779 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be
780 open;

781 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each
782 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for
783 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of
784 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,
785 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,
786 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state
787 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact
788 information" means any or all of the following information received by
789 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties
790 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing
791 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address
792 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a
793 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President
794 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress
795 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election

796 Commission's web site;

797 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
798 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
799 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state
800 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of
801 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state
802 congressional districts;

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

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

805 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

806 (7) Information on the procedure for registering to vote;

807 (8) A voter registration application in printable format;

808 (9) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment that will
809 appear on the ballot at the state election;

810 (10) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such
811 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office of
812 Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a; and

813 (11) The text of the Voter's Bill of Rights set forth in section 9-236b.

814 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State shall
815 develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to
816 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at elections,
817 primaries and referenda and provide information to the public
818 concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the number
819 of days of early voting prior to an election, primary or referendum, the
820 hours for early voting during such days and the procedures for casting
821 a ballot at locations designated for the conduct of early voting.

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

824 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the
825 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling
826 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the
827 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or
828 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or
829 location and any recanvass for compliance with state and federal law. If
830 the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or primary at
831 a polling place, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling
832 place pursuant to the provisions of this section.

833 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is
834 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
835 *2023*):

836 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that
837 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,
838 except conduct early voting, by entering into an agreement pursuant to
839 this section. Any such agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain
840 all provisions upon which each participating municipality agrees. Any
841 such agreement shall establish a process for amendment of, termination
842 of and withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall
843 be submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality
844 for a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each
845 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public
846 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing
847 an opportunity for public comment does not require a legislative body
848 to conduct a public hearing.

849 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is
850 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
851 *2023*):

852 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
853 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
854 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
855 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they

856 voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during
857 the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee
858 ballot.

859 Sec. 23. Subsection (y) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed
860 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

861 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"
862 means the day which is the [seventh] twenty-second day prior to an
863 election.

864 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes are
865 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
866 *2023*):

867 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day that
868 a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in
869 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of each
870 regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall hold
871 sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found
872 qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section. Such
873 sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours indicated,
874 except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

| T1 | Day | Hours |
|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| T2 | Fourteenth day | |
| T3 | before primary day | any two hours between |
| T4 | | 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. |
| T5 | [Seventh] <u>Twenty-second</u> day | |
| T6 | before election day | 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. |

875 The session of the registrars of voters on the [seventh] twenty-second
876 day before election day shall be the last session for admission of electors
877 prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1, as
878 amended by this act. (2) No town having a population of less than
879 twenty-five thousand persons shall be required to hold sessions for

880 admission of electors on the fourteenth day before primary day.

881 Sec. 25. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is
882 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
883 *2023*):

884 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this
885 section after the [seventh] twenty-second day before an election or after
886 the [fifth] twenty-second day before a primary, the privileges of an
887 elector shall not attach until the day after such election or primary, as
888 the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such
889 applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant
890 of the effect of such late received application and any applicable
891 deadline for applying for admission in person.

892 Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes
893 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
894 *1, 2023*):

895 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of
896 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the
897 application and review the application to determine whether the
898 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.
899 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on
900 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,
901 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date
902 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to
903 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not
904 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,
905 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall
906 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the
907 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally
908 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has
909 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be
910 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during
911 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and

912 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of
913 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning
914 on the twentieth day before such election and ending on the [seventh]
915 twenty-second day before such election, (ii) during the period beginning
916 on the [sixth] twenty-first day before an election and ending on election
917 day if the application has been received by the [seventh] twenty-second
918 day before an election by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a
919 voter registration agency, (iii) during the period beginning on the
920 twenty-first day before a primary and ending on the [fifth] twenty-
921 second day before a primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the
922 [fourth] twenty-first day before a primary and ending at twelve o'clock
923 noon on the last weekday before a primary, if the application has been
924 postmarked by the [fifth] twenty-second day before the primary and is
925 received in the office of the registrars of voters during such period or if
926 the application is received by the [fifth] twenty-first day before a
927 primary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter
928 registration agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an application
929 at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail
930 with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable
931 at the address shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall
932 indicate the effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment,
933 the date of the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the
934 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and
935 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned
936 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
937 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first
938 deadline in section 9-35. An applicant for admission as an elector
939 pursuant to this section and section 9-23h may only be admitted as an
940 elector by a registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not later
941 than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State shall
942 establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this subsection
943 for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held in the
944 following calendar year.

945 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the privileges

946 of an elector for any applicant for admission under this section and
947 section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by the registrar,
948 and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

949 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed
950 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the
951 office of the registrars of voters, after the [~~seventh~~] twenty-second day
952 before an election or after the [~~fifth~~] twenty-second day before a
953 primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after
954 such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars
955 of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in
956 order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in
957 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in
958 person.

959 (3) If an application is received after the [~~seventh~~] twenty-second day
960 before an election or after the [~~fifth~~] twenty-second day before a primary
961 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration
962 agency, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after
963 the election or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar
964 approves it, whichever is later.

965 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant
966 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to
967 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through
968 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the
969 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,
970 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents
971 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original
972 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the
973 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the
974 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check
975 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise
976 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling
977 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)
978 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

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

982 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each
 983 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of
 984 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of
 985 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.
 986 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and
 987 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said
 988 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such
 989 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at
 990 elections, primaries and referenda. Any registrar who fails to satisfy
 991 such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of
 992 the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

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| 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>July 1, 2023</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 |

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| 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 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 9-19k(f) |
| Sec. 26 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 9-23g(c) and (d) |
| Sec. 27 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 9-192a(a)(3) |

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) establish early voting beginning in 2023 for certain elections and beginning in 2024 for certain primaries, special elections and referenda, (2) establish the number of days and hours of, and implement procedures for the conduct of, such early voting, (3) provide for same-day election and same-day primary registrations during periods of early voting, (4) make conforming changes to deadlines for the performance of certain duties prior to an election or primary, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to undertake efforts to educate the public about early voting and train registrars of voters regarding the administration of early voting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]