



General Assembly

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 390

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ELECTION
CRIMES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025,
4 the Secretary of the State shall develop and implement a process by
5 which town clerks, registrars of voters, moderators, absentee ballot
6 counters and other election officials serving at polling places or central
7 locations designated for the counting of absentee ballots, as applicable,
8 shall verify that the signature upon the inner envelope statement of a
9 returned absentee ballot matches the signature upon the corresponding
10 absentee ballot application.

11 Sec. 502. Subsection (d) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
13 *passage*):

14 (d) (1) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as
 15 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or
 16 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced
 17 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the
 18 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters.

19 (2) If such statement is signed but the individual completing the
 20 ballot is an individual described in subsection (a) of section 9-23r and
 21 has not met the requirements of subsection (e) of section 9-23r, the
 22 counters shall replace the ballot in the opened inner envelope, replace
 23 the inner envelope in the opened outer envelope and mark "Rejected as
 24 an Absentee Ballot" and endorse the reason for such rejection on the
 25 outer envelope, and the ballot shall be treated as a provisional ballot for
 26 federal offices only, pursuant to sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive.

27 (3) If such statement is signed but the signature upon the inner
 28 envelope does not match the signature upon the corresponding absentee
 29 ballot application, as determined under the process described in section
 30 501 of this act, such inner envelope shall not be opened or the ballot
 31 removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced in the
 32 opened outer envelope which shall be remarked "Rejected" and the
 33 reason therefor endorsed thereupon by the counters."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-150a(d)