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"AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 9-21a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) The Secretary of the State, at [such times as the Secretary
7 determines, may] least annually, shall cause a search to be made of
8 computerized voter registration records to identify electors who may be
9 registered in more than one town, registered more than once in the same
10 town or deceased. The Secretary [may] shall compile, from such search,
11 a list of possible duplicate registrations in any town or towns and
12 possible registrations of deceased individuals and shall transmit such
13 list to the registrars of voters of the appropriate town or towns.

14 Sec. 502. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-19k of the 2024

15 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
16 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system for
18 online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered
19 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant
20 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)
21 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in
22 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) signature is in a database described
23 in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported into such
24 system for online voter registration.

25 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall
26 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems
27 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The
28 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by
29 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's
30 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any
31 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the
32 information submitted by applicants, except that the Secretary shall,
33 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, cross reference such
34 input information with the list compiled by the Jury Administrator
35 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a and made available to the
36 Secretary pursuant to section 506 of this act, or with data or information
37 contained in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
38 electronic immigration status verification database, in order to attempt
39 to verify such submitted information. The Secretary shall not use the
40 information obtained from any such database except to verify
41 information submitted by the applicant, provided the applicant's
42 signature, if part of data contained in the state agency's database, shall
43 be included as part of the applicant's information contained in the
44 system for online voter registration.

45 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
47 *passage*):

48 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
49 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the
50 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include an application for the
51 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor
52 vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal,
53 which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with
54 each application form provided for an identity card issued under section
55 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector (A) shall be
56 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (B) shall not include
57 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (C) shall
58 contain a statement that (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, (ii)
59 contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement,
60 and (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.
61 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
62 application for admission which is submitted in person, by mail or
63 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
64 subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall
65 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona
66 fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United
67 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered
68 previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not
69 forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number
70 on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior
71 to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any
72 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such
73 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible
74 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the
75 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote
76 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an
77 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and
78 on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner
79 received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words
80 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such
81 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or
82 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this

83 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application
84 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence, provided
85 the commissioner has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a,
86 attempted to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information
87 using the list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to
88 subsection (c) of section 51-222a, and made available to the
89 commissioner pursuant to section 506 of this act, or using the United
90 States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration
91 status verification database. If a registration application is accepted
92 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular
93 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters
94 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days
95 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)
96 and (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National
97 Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to
98 time, shall apply to applications made under this section. The
99 commissioner is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the
100 provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of
101 a felony.

102 (2) (A) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide an
103 electronic system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to
104 effectuate the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding
105 application for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an
106 applicant state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be
107 waived for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by
108 said commissioner through a federally approved identity verification
109 program or other evidence acceptable to said commissioner. Such
110 electronic system may provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an
111 applicant's signature on file with said commissioner. The use of any
112 such electronic system shall comply with the National Voter
113 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

114 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the
115 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for
116 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license

117 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for
118 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's
119 United States citizenship information using the list compiled by the Jury
120 Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a or using the
121 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic
122 immigration status verification database, said commissioner shall
123 forthwith transmit an application for such person's admission as an
124 elector to the registrars of voters of the town of residence of such person
125 through an electronic system pursuant to this subdivision, in
126 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
127 except that no such application shall be transmitted if such person
128 declines to apply for such admission.

129 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a
130 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license
131 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said
132 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for
133 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
134 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission
135 on behalf of such person.

136 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person
137 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle
138 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,
139 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a
140 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application
141 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this
142 subdivision.

143 Sec. 504. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is
144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
145 *passage*):

146 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each
147 voter registration agency shall (A) distribute mail voter registration
148 application forms, (B) assist applicants for assistance or services

149 provided by the agency in completing voter registration application
150 forms, except for applicants who refuse assistance in completing such
151 forms, (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and
152 provide each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency
153 shall record the date that the agency received the application, using an
154 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (D) immediately
155 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of
156 voting residence of the applicants, provided the voter registration
157 agency has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempted
158 to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information using the
159 list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of
160 section 51-222a, and made available to such agency pursuant to section
161 506 of this act, or using the United States Citizenship and Immigration
162 Services electronic immigration status verification database. The agency
163 shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in
164 person, by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision
165 (2) of this subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five
166 days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
167 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
168 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
169 of acceptance. Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,
170 the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed mail voter
171 registration application form, without indicating the identity of the
172 voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such agency, to
173 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it
174 is received by the registration agency by the last day for registration to
175 vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in
176 providing services to persons with disabilities provides services to a
177 person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide
178 such voter registration services at the person's home. The procedures in
179 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g that are not inconsistent
180 with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as
181 amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made under this
182 section. Officials and employees of such voter registration agencies are
183 not admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a, and may not restore,

184 under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons
185 convicted of a felony.

186 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic
187 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate
188 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application
189 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant
190 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived
191 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the
192 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or
193 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may
194 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature
195 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic
196 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,
197 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

198 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the voter
199 registration agency determines that a person applying for assistance or
200 services provided by the agency meets each eligibility requirement for
201 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's
202 United States citizenship information using the list compiled by the Jury
203 Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a or using the
204 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic
205 immigration status verification database, the agency shall forthwith
206 transmit an application for such person's admission as an elector to the
207 registrars of voters of the town of residence of such person through an
208 electronic system pursuant to this subdivision, in accordance with the
209 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, except that no such
210 application shall be transmitted if such person declines to apply for such
211 admission.

212 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying
213 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States
214 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to
215 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant
216 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such

217 admission on behalf of such person.

218 (iii) If the voter registration agency cannot determine whether a
219 person applying for assistance or services provided by the agency is a
220 United States citizen, such person shall attest to his or her United States
221 citizenship as a precondition of the agency processing such person's
222 application for admission as an elector through an electronic system
223 pursuant to this subdivision.

224 Sec. 505. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is
225 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
226 *passage*):

227 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to
228 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of
229 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,
230 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,
231 whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an elector
232 are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, and whether he has
233 previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any other
234 state. Each such applicant shall present his birth certificate, drivers'
235 license or Social Security card to the admitting official for inspection at
236 the time of application, and such admitting official shall,
237 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempt to verify such
238 applicant's United States citizenship information using the list compiled
239 by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a,
240 and made available to such admitting official pursuant to section 506 of
241 this act, or using the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services
242 electronic immigration status verification database. Notwithstanding
243 the provisions of any special act or charter to the contrary, the
244 application form shall also, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of
245 the State, provide for application for enrollment in any political party,
246 including, on any such form printed on or after January 1, 2006, a list of
247 the names of the major parties, as defined in section 9-372, as options for
248 the applicant. The form shall indicate that such enrollment is not
249 mandatory.

250 Sec. 506. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after
251 the Jury Administrator compiles the list of all qualified jurors in the state
252 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a of the general statutes, the
253 Jury Administrator shall make such list available to the Secretary of the
254 State, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, each voter registration
255 agency, as defined in section 9-23n of the general statutes, as amended
256 by this act, and the admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a of the
257 general statutes, of each town for the purposes of United States
258 citizenship verification during the elector admission process.

259 Sec. 507. Subsection (i) of section 9-19j of the 2024 supplement to the
260 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
261 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

262 (i) (1) After the acceptance of a same-day election registration, the
263 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
264 notice to the residential address of each applicant who was admitted as
265 an elector on election day or during the period of early voting prior to
266 election day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first
267 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not
268 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation
269 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the
270 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,
271 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

272 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
273 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons
274 applying for same-day election registration as described in subsection
275 (d) of this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to
276 register in accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
277 subsection (e) of this section, (III) the number of registration
278 confirmation notices sent to admitted applicants, pursuant to
279 subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned undelivered, and
280 (IV) the number of such admitted applicants that were subsequently
281 placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such notices being
282 returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1) of this

283 subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the Secretary
284 of the State.

285 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the
286 Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the
287 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one single
288 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing committee
289 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
290 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State Elections
291 Enforcement Commission.

292 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
293 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
294 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant
295 was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision
296 (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information
297 resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement
298 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

299 Sec. 508. Section 9-150a of the general statutes is amended by adding
300 subsection (n) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

301 (NEW) (n) (1) At the conclusion of the counting of absentee ballots,
302 the registrars of voters shall forthwith send a confirmation notice to the
303 residential address of each elector who voted by absentee ballot. Such
304 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the
305 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on
306 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the
307 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with
308 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first
309 deadline in section 9-35.

310 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after the close of the polls, the
311 registrars of voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the
312 number of persons who applied for an absentee ballot, (II) the number
313 of such persons who were issued absentee ballots, (III) the number of
314 registration confirmation notices sent to electors who voted by absentee

315 ballot, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned
 316 undelivered, and (IV) the number of such electors that were
 317 subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such
 318 notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1)
 319 of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the
 320 Secretary of the State.

321 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after the close of the
 322 polls, the Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted
 323 to the Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one
 324 single report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing
 325 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 326 relating to elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State
 327 Elections Enforcement Commission.

328 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
 329 voters of any town that the residency of an elector who voted by
 330 absentee ballot cannot be verified because a registration confirmation
 331 notice for such elector was returned undelivered to such registrars, as
 332 provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall
 333 report all information resulting in such determination to the State
 334 Elections Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an
 335 investigation of the matter."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-21a(a)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-19k(a) and (b)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	9-20(a)
Sec. 506	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j(i)
Sec. 508	<i>from passage</i>	9-150a(n)