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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING EARLY VOTING."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-19k of the general  
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

6 (a) The Secretary of the State shall establish and maintain a system for  
7 online voter registration. Such system shall also permit a registered  
8 elector to apply for changes to such elector's registration. An applicant  
9 may register to vote through this system, provided the applicant's (1)  
10 registration information is verifiable in the manner described in  
11 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) signature is in a database described  
12 in said subsection (b) and such signature may be imported into such  
13 system for online voter registration.

14 (b) A state agency, upon the request of the Secretary of the State, shall  
15 provide any information to the Secretary that the Secretary deems

16 necessary to maintain the system for online voter registration. The  
17 Secretary may cross reference the information input into the system by  
18 applicants with data or information contained in any state agency's  
19 database or a database administered by the federal government, or any  
20 voter registration database of another state, in order to verify the  
21 information submitted by applicants, except that the Secretary shall,  
22 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, cross reference such  
23 input information with the list compiled by the Jury Administrator  
24 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a and made available to the  
25 Secretary pursuant to section 505 of this act, or with data or information  
26 contained in the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
27 electronic immigration status verification database, in order to attempt  
28 to verify such submitted information. The Secretary shall not use the  
29 information obtained from any such database except to verify  
30 information submitted by the applicant, provided the applicant's  
31 signature, if part of data contained in the state agency's database, shall  
32 be included as part of the applicant's information contained in the  
33 system for online voter registration.

34 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 9-19h of the general statutes is  
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
36 *passage*):

37 (b) (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,  
38 and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
39 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall include an application for the  
40 admission of an elector with each application form provided for a motor  
41 vehicle operator's license and a motor vehicle operator's license renewal,  
42 which are issued under subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with  
43 each application form provided for an identity card issued under section  
44 1-1h. Such application form for the admission of an elector (A) shall be  
45 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, (B) shall not include  
46 any provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (C) shall  
47 contain a statement that (i) specifies each eligibility requirement, (ii)  
48 contains an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement,  
49 and (iii) requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury.

50 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed  
51 application for admission which is submitted in person, by mail or  
52 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
53 subsection. Except as provided in said subdivision, the applicant shall  
54 state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the applicant's name, bona  
55 fide residence address, date of birth, whether the applicant is a United  
56 States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting address, if registered  
57 previously, and that the applicant's privileges as an elector are not  
58 forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social Security number  
59 on any such application form for the admission of an elector filed prior  
60 to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or to any  
61 governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each such  
62 form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any eligible  
63 applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by the  
64 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to vote  
65 in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with an  
66 application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State and  
67 on which the commissioner shall record the date that the commissioner  
68 received the application, using an official date stamp bearing the words  
69 "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner shall provide such  
70 receipt whether the application was submitted in person, by mail or  
71 through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
72 subsection. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the application  
73 to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of residence, provided  
74 the commissioner has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a,  
75 attempted to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information  
76 using the list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to  
77 subsection (c) of section 51-222a, and made available to the  
78 commissioner pursuant to section 505 of this act, or using the United  
79 States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic immigration  
80 status verification database. If a registration application is accepted  
81 within five days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular  
82 election, the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters  
83 of the town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days  
84 after the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f)

85 and (g) of section 9-23g, as amended by this act, which are not  
86 inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-  
87 31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to applications made  
88 under this section. The commissioner is not an admitting official and  
89 may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a, electoral  
90 privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

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

103 (B) (i) Unless otherwise provided in this subparagraph, if the  
104 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles determines that a person applying for  
105 a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
106 renewal or an identity card meets each eligibility requirement for  
107 admission as an elector, including attempting to verify such person's  
108 United States citizenship information using the list compiled by the Jury  
109 Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a or using the  
110 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services electronic  
111 immigration status verification database, said commissioner shall  
112 forthwith transmit an application for such person's admission as an  
113 elector to the registrars of voters of the town of residence of such person  
114 through an electronic system pursuant to this subdivision, in  
115 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
116 except that no such application shall be transmitted if such person  
117 declines to apply for such admission.

118 (ii) If said commissioner determines that a person applying for a  
119 motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle operator's license  
120 renewal or an identity card is not a United States citizen, said  
121 commissioner shall not provide such person an opportunity to apply for  
122 admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this  
123 subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such admission  
124 on behalf of such person.

125 (iii) If said commissioner cannot determine whether a person  
126 applying for a motor vehicle operator's license, a motor vehicle  
127 operator's license renewal or an identity card is a United States citizen,  
128 such person shall attest to his or her United States citizenship as a  
129 precondition of said commissioner processing such person's application  
130 for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant to this  
131 subdivision.

132 Sec. 503. Subsection (b) of section 9-23n of the general statutes is  
133 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
134 *passage*):

135 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each  
136 voter registration agency shall (A) distribute mail voter registration  
137 application forms, (B) assist applicants for assistance or services  
138 provided by the agency in completing voter registration application  
139 forms, except for applicants who refuse assistance in completing such  
140 forms, (C) accept completed voter registration application forms and  
141 provide each applicant with an application receipt, on which the agency  
142 shall record the date that the agency received the application, using an  
143 official date stamp bearing the name of the agency, and (D) immediately  
144 transmit all such applications to the registrars of voters of the town of  
145 voting residence of the applicants, provided the voter registration  
146 agency has, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempted  
147 to verify the applicant's United States citizenship information using the  
148 list compiled by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of  
149 section 51-222a, and made available to such agency pursuant to section  
150 505 of this act, or using the United States Citizenship and Immigration

151 Services electronic immigration status verification database. The agency  
152 shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in  
153 person, by mail or through an electronic system pursuant to subdivision  
154 (2) of this subsection. If a registration application is accepted within five  
155 days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the  
156 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of  
157 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date  
158 of acceptance. Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,  
159 the voter registration agency shall indicate on the completed mail voter  
160 registration application form, without indicating the identity of the  
161 voter registration agency, the date of its acceptance by such agency, to  
162 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it  
163 is received by the registration agency by the last day for registration to  
164 vote in an election. If a state-funded program primarily engaged in  
165 providing services to persons with disabilities provides services to a  
166 person with a disability at the person's home, the agency shall provide  
167 such voter registration services at the person's home. The procedures in  
168 subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of section 9-23g, as amended by this act,  
169 that are not inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act of  
170 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time, shall apply to  
171 applications made under this section. Officials and employees of such  
172 voter registration agencies are not admitting officials, as defined in  
173 section 9-17a, and may not restore, under the provisions of section 9-46a,  
174 electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

175 (2) (A) Each voter registration agency shall provide an electronic  
176 system, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State, to effectuate  
177 the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection regarding application  
178 for admission of an elector, except that the condition that an applicant  
179 state and attest to meeting each eligibility requirement may be waived  
180 for any such eligibility requirement verified independently by the  
181 agency through a federally approved identity verification program or  
182 other evidence acceptable to the agency. Such electronic system may  
183 provide for the transmittal to the Secretary of an applicant's signature  
184 on file with the voter registration agency. The use of any such electronic

185 system shall comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993,  
186 P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time.

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

201 (ii) If the voter registration agency determines that a person applying  
202 for assistance or services provided by the agency is not a United States  
203 citizen, the agency shall not provide such person an opportunity to  
204 apply for admission as an elector through an electronic system pursuant  
205 to this subdivision and shall not transmit any application for such  
206 admission on behalf of such person.

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

213 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 9-20 of the general statutes is  
214 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
215 *passage*):

216 (a) Each person who applies for admission as an elector in person to

217 an admitting official shall, upon a form prescribed by the Secretary of  
218 the State and signed by the applicant, state under penalties of perjury,  
219 his name, bona fide residence by street and number, date of birth,  
220 whether he is a United States citizen, whether his privileges as an elector  
221 are forfeited by reason of conviction of crime, and whether he has  
222 previously been admitted as an elector in any town in this or any other  
223 state. Each such applicant shall present his birth certificate, drivers'  
224 license or Social Security card to the admitting official for inspection at  
225 the time of application, and such admitting official shall,  
226 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-20a, attempt to verify such  
227 applicant's United States citizenship information using the list compiled  
228 by the Jury Administrator pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a,  
229 and made available to such admitting official pursuant to section 505 of  
230 this act, or using the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
231 electronic immigration status verification database. Notwithstanding  
232 the provisions of any special act or charter to the contrary, the  
233 application form shall also, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of  
234 the State, provide for application for enrollment in any political party,  
235 including, on any such form printed on or after January 1, 2006, a list of  
236 the names of the major parties, as defined in section 9-372, as options for  
237 the applicant. The form shall indicate that such enrollment is not  
238 mandatory.

239 Sec. 505. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than thirty days after  
240 the Jury Administrator compiles the list of all qualified jurors in the state  
241 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51-222a of the general statutes, the  
242 Jury Administrator shall make such list available to the Secretary of the  
243 State, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, each voter registration  
244 agency, as defined in section 9-23n of the general statutes, as amended  
245 by this act, and the admitting officials, as defined in section 9-17a of the  
246 general statutes, of each town for the purposes of United States  
247 citizenship verification during the elector admission process."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:



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Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-19k(a) and (b)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-19h(b)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-23n(b)
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-20(a)
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	New section