



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 7878



Offered by:  
SEN. SAMPSON, 16<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5004

File No. 756

Cal. No. 461

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

1 Strike lines 1 to 106, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Any eligible elector may  
4 vote prior to the day of an election or primary, in accordance with the  
5 provisions of this section, during a period of early voting at each election  
6 and each primary held on or after January 1, 2024. Such period of early  
7 voting shall (1) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2 of the  
8 general statutes, commence on the fifth day prior to and conclude on the  
9 second day prior to such election or primary, and (2) consist of three  
10 total days selected by the Secretary of the State, at least one of which  
11 shall be a Saturday or Sunday, at such times as provided in subdivision  
12 (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as amended  
13 by this act.

14 (b) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a  
15 location for the conduct of early voting, which location shall be the same  
16 for the duration of the period of early voting except as otherwise

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

47 Strike lines 289 to 313, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the  
48 following in lieu thereof:

49 "(c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
50 special act or municipal charter, at any election or primary held on or

51 after January 1, 2024, each location designated in a municipality for the  
52 conduct of early voting pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act  
53 or for same-day election registration pursuant to subsection (c) of  
54 section 9-19j, as amended by this act, shall, during the early voting  
55 period, remain open during the regular business hours of the city or  
56 town hall, or other main municipal building, of such municipality. No  
57 elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour  
58 prescribed for the closing of the location designated for the conduct of  
59 early voting or for same-day election registration at such election or  
60 primary, as applicable, unless such elector is in line at such prescribed  
61 hour. An election or primary official or a police officer of the  
62 municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters, shall be  
63 placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour. Such official or  
64 officer shall not allow any electors who were not in such line at such  
65 prescribed hour to enter such line."