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## "AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION SECURITY AND TRANSPARENCY, VARIOUS OTHER REVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION COMPLAINTS."

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

"Sec. 501. Subsection (i) of section 9-19j of the 2024 supplement to the
general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (i) (1) After the acceptance of a same-day election registration, the 7 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation 8 notice to the residential address of each applicant who was admitted as 9 an elector on election day or during the period of early voting prior to 10 election day under this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first 11 class mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not 12 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation

13 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the 14 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, 15 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35. 16 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of 17 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons applying for same-day election registration as described in subsection 18 19 (d) of this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to register in accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of 20 21 subsection (e) of this section, (III) the number of registration 22 confirmation notices sent to admitted applicants, pursuant to 23 subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned undelivered, and 24 (IV) the number of such admitted applicants that were subsequently 25 placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such notices being 26 returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1) of this 27 subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the Secretary 28 of the State. 29 (B) Not later than one hundred twenty days after election day, the Secretary of the State shall (i) aggregate all reports submitted to the 30 31 Secretary under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision into one single 32 report, and (ii) submit such single report to the joint standing committee 33 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to 34 elections, in accordance with section 11-4a, and to the State Elections 35 Enforcement Commission. 36 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot 37 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such applicant 38 39 was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision 40 (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information

- 41 resulting in such determination to the State Elections Enforcement
- 42 <u>Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.</u>
- 43 Sec. 502. Section 9-150a of the general statutes is amended by adding
- 44 subsection (n) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

45 (NEW) (n) (1) At the conclusion of the counting of absentee ballots, 46 the registrars of voters shall forthwith send a confirmation notice to the residential address of each elector who voted by absentee ballot. Such 47 48 confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with instructions on the 49 envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the address shown on 50 the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned undelivered, the 51 registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in accordance with 52 section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the May first 53 deadline in section 9-35.

54 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after the close of the polls, the 55 registrars of voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the 56 number of persons who applied for an absentee ballot, (II) the number 57 of such persons who were issued absentee ballots, (III) the number of 58 registration confirmation notices sent to electors who voted by absentee 59 ballot, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned 60 undelivered, and (IV) the number of such electors that were 61 subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such 62 notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1) 63 of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the 64 Secretary of the State.

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

(3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of voters of any town that the residency of an elector who voted by absentee ballot cannot be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such elector was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all information resulting in such determination to the State 78 Elections Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an79 investigation of the matter."

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

Sec. 501	from passage	9-19j(i)
Sec. 502	from passage	9-150a(n)