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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5498

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

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12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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)