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**"AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ABSENTEE VOTING, SAFE AND SECURE IN-PERSON VOTING,
VOTER REGISTRATION AND CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES
REGARDING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) As used in this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of
6 this section, "election day" means the day on which a regular election,
7 as defined in section 9-1, is held.

8 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
9 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
10 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality
11 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this

12 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
13 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day
14 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
15 section.

16 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
17 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
18 election day, provided (A) the registrars of voters shall have access to
19 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,
20 and (B) such location shall be certified in writing to the Secretary of the
21 State not later than thirty-one days before election day. The written
22 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall (i) include
23 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated
24 with such location, (ii) list the name and address of each election official
25 appointed to serve at such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description
26 of the design of such location and a plan for effective completion and
27 processing of such applications. The Secretary shall approve or
28 disapprove such written certification not later than fifteen days before
29 election day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one or
30 more additional election officials or alter such design or plan.

31 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not
32 later than sixty days before election day, in a form and manner
33 prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any additional location for the
34 completion and processing of election day registration applications on
35 election day. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such
36 application not later than forty-five days before election day. If the
37 Secretary approves such application, the registrars of voters may so
38 designate any such additional location. The provisions of subdivision
39 (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional location.

40 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official
41 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, if any, any of
42 the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars of
43 voters shall supervise each such election official and train each such
44 election official to be an election day registration election official.

45 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit any unofficial
46 checker or challenger from being present at such location.

47 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
48 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
49 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
50 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person not later than
51 eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section 9-174, at
52 the location designated by the registrars of voters for election day
53 registration, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution
54 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card
55 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section
56 9-20, [and] (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
57 has not previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
58 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
59 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
60 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
61 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
62 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
63 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
64 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
65 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
66 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration or
67 fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name and
68 current address.

69 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the
70 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
71 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
72 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

73 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
74 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
75 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

76 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an

77 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
78 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
79 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
80 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
81 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
82 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
83 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify
84 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from
85 the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials shall
86 cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and mark "off"
87 next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

88 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
89 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
90 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
91 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
92 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
93 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
94 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
95 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
96 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
97 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
98 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
99 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
100 which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

101 (B) [If there is no such] Unless there is a report that such applicant has
102 not already voted in the other municipality, such applicant shall not
103 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
104 of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register. [shall admit
105 the applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach
106 immediately] For any such applicant, the election day registration
107 process shall cease in the municipality in which such applicant now
108 seeks to register until such time as such report is made.

109 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters

110 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
111 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
112 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
113 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
114 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
115 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows and
116 signed by the voter:

117 AFFIRMATION: I, the undersigned, do hereby state, under penalty
118 of false statement, (perjury) that:

119 1. I am the person admitted here as an elector in the town indicated.

120 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
121 indicated.

122 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
123 complete.

124 4. I reside at the address that I have given to the registrars of voters.

125 5. If previously registered at another location, I have provided such
126 address to the registrars of voters and hereby request cancellation of
127 such prior registration.

128 6. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote
129 otherwise than by this ballot at this election.

130 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
131 and received an election day registration ballot.

132 (Signature of voter)

133 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
134 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
135 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day registration
136 ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day registration
137 ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope provided, and

138 deposit such envelope in a secured election day registration ballot
139 depository receptacle. At the time designated by the registrars of voters
140 and noticed to election officials, the registrars of voters shall transport
141 such receptacle containing the election day registration ballots to the
142 central location or polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-
143 147a, where absentee ballots are counted and such election day
144 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at
145 such central location or polling place. A section of the head moderator's
146 return shall show the number of election day registration ballots
147 received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the
148 vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository envelope
149 with the election day registration ballots and store such election day
150 registration depository envelope with the other election results
151 materials. The election day registration depository envelope shall be
152 preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time required to
153 preserve counted ballots for elections.

154 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations concerning
155 procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of absentee
156 ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody, control and
157 counting of election day registration ballots under subsections (a) to (i),
158 inclusive, of this section.

159 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
160 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
161 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as an
162 elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
163 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
164 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
165 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned
166 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
167 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding the
168 May first deadline in section 9-35.

169 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
170 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of persons

171 applying for election day registration as described in subsection (d) of
172 this section, (II) the number of such persons not permitted to register in
173 accordance with subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
174 of this section, (III) the number of registration confirmation notices sent
175 to admitted applicants, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
176 that were returned undelivered, and (IV) the number of such admitted
177 applicants that were subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as
178 a result of such notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with
179 subdivision (1) of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such
180 report to the Secretary of the State.

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

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

195 (j) In the case of an elector with a developmental disability, as
196 described in section 9-12, as amended by this act, the legal
197 representative of such elector may assist such elector in performing any
198 action under this section if such legal representative submits to the
199 registrar of voters or an election official appointed by such registrar
200 under this section, as the case may be, information sufficient to prove
201 such a relationship with such elector.

202 [(j)] (k) No person shall (1) solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to

203 the candidacy of another or himself or herself or [in] on behalf of or in
 204 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
 205 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
 206 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
 207 use as an entry to any location designated by the registrars of voters for
 208 election day registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or
 209 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such
 210 location or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway
 211 or approach, or (2) possess a firearm within a radius of two hundred feet
 212 of any such outside entrance or in any such corridor, passageway or
 213 other approach or in any such room, except in the case of a firearm
 214 located in a residence or parked motor vehicle situated within such
 215 radius or in the case of a uniformed on-duty police officer.

216 (l) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which
 217 registrars of voters and other elections officials serving at designated
 218 election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying
 219 to register on election day under this section, which persons are
 220 registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such other
 221 state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars or
 222 election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot until
 223 such process has been developed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-19j