

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5308

GOVERNMENT

LCO No. 1417

Referred to Committee on ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9-150c of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 An applicant who applies for an absentee ballot because of 4 unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days 5 immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or 6 referendum or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital or nursing 7 home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490, within such six-day 8 period, may appoint a designee, as defined in subsection (b) of section 9 9-140b, to deliver the ballot to [him] the applicant, by stating on the 10 application, in a space provided for that purpose, (1) the date of 11 occurrence of the illness or disability or the name and address of the 12 hospital or nursing home in which the applicant is a patient within such 13 six-day period, (2) the name, address and category under [said] 14 subsection [,] (b) of section 9-140b of the person so designated, and (3)

15 the delivery which the person is designated to perform, provided the 16 person so designated shall also sign a statement on the application to 17 the effect that [he] <u>such person</u> consents to the designation and will 18 perform the delivery without tampering with the ballot in any way. If 19 the application designates a person to deliver the ballot to the applicant, 20 [that] such person shall personally submit the application to the 21 municipal clerk. If such application is <u>personally</u> submitted to the clerk, 22 [in person,] within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls 23 at an election, [or] primary or referendum, by a person designated on the application to deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant as 24 25 provided in this section and in subsection (b) of [said] section 9-140b, 26 and if [the] such application is dated within such [time] six-day period, 27 the clerk shall give [that] <u>such</u> person the absentee voting set.

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

Section 1	from passage	9-150c

GAE Joint Favorable