



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5527

LCO No. 3039



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO ELECTION LAWS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2020*):

4 (c) For the purposes of this section, "mailed" means sent by the United
5 States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or messenger
6 service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the State.

7 Sec. 2. Section 9-150c of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

9 An applicant who applies for an absentee ballot because of
10 unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days
11 immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or
12 referendum or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital within
13 such six-day period, may appoint a designee, as defined in subsection
14 (b) of section 9-140b, to deliver the ballot to him, by stating on the

15 application, in a space provided for that purpose, (1) the date of
 16 occurrence of the illness or disability or the name and address of the
 17 hospital in which the applicant is a patient within such six-day period,
 18 (2) the name, address and category under said subsection, of the person
 19 so designated, and (3) the delivery which the person is designated to
 20 perform, provided the person so designated shall also sign a statement
 21 on the application to the effect that he consents to the designation and
 22 will perform the delivery without tampering with the ballot in any way.
 23 If the application designates a person to deliver the ballot to the
 24 applicant, that person shall personally submit the application to the
 25 municipal clerk. If such application is submitted to the clerk in person,
 26 within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at an
 27 election or primary, by a person designated on the application to deliver
 28 the absentee ballot to the applicant as provided in this section and in
 29 subsection (b) of [said] section 9-140b, and if the application is dated
 30 within such time, the clerk shall give that person the absentee voting set.

31 Sec. 3. Section 9-364a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

33 Any person who influences or attempts to influence by force or
 34 threat the vote, or by force, threat, bribery or corrupt means, the speech,
 35 of any person in a primary, caucus, referendum, convention or election;
 36 or wilfully and fraudulently suppresses or destroys any vote or ballot
 37 properly given or cast or, in counting such votes or ballots, wilfully
 38 miscounts or misrepresents the number thereof; and any presiding or
 39 other officer of a primary, caucus or convention who wilfully announces
 40 the result of a ballot or vote of such primary, caucus or convention,
 41 untruly and wrongfully, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	9-140b(c)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	9-150c
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	9-364a

Statement of Purpose:

To make technical changes to provisions concerning elections.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]