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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and]
4 the Department of Motor Vehicles and housing authorities, as defined
5 in section 8-39, shall make voter registration information and materials
6 available to the public. Such information and materials shall be placed
7 in public areas of the offices of such departments and housing
8 authorities. The State Library and the libraries of the state's public
9 institutions of higher education shall also make such information and
10 materials available to users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State
11 shall provide such departments, such housing authorities, such
12 libraries and any libraries open to the public with suitable nonpartisan
13 literature, materials and voter registration application forms
14 authorized under sections 9-23g and 9-23h. The secretary shall also
15 provide to the Department of Social Services, the Labor Department

16 and the Department of Motor Vehicles and each housing authority any
17 furniture needed to display such literature, materials and forms.

18 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
19 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994,
20 shall include an application for the admission of an elector with each
21 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
22 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
23 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
24 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
25 application form for the admission of an elector (1) shall be subject to
26 the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include any
27 provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a
28 statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains
29 an attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (C)
30 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. The
31 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
32 application for admission which is submitted in person or by mail. The
33 applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the
34 applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth, whether
35 the applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior
36 voting address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's
37 privileges as an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a
38 felony. No Social Security number on any such application form for the
39 admission of an elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed
40 to the public or to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall
41 indicate on each such form the date of receipt of such application to
42 ensure that any eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if
43 it is received by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day
44 for registration to vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide
45 the applicant with an application receipt, on a form approved by the
46 Secretary of the State and on which the commissioner shall record the
47 date that the commissioner received the application, using an official
48 date stamp bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The
49 commissioner shall provide such receipt whether the application was

50 submitted in person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith
51 transmit the application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's
52 town of residence. If a registration application is accepted within five
53 days before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election,
54 the application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the
55 town of voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after
56 the date of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and
57 (g) of section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National Voter
58 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time,
59 shall apply to applications made under this section. The commissioner
60 is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the provisions
61 of section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

62 (c) On and after January 1, 2020, each housing authority shall
63 include an application for the admission of an elector with each
64 application form provided to an individual or family for admission to
65 or continued occupancy of a housing authority unit and, in the case of
66 a family, shall include an application for the admission of an elector for
67 each member of such family who is eligible to be admitted as an
68 elector pursuant to section 9-12. A housing authority shall assist an
69 individual in completing the application form, if such assistance is
70 requested.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	9-19h

Statement of Purpose:

To require housing authorities to provide voter registration applications to prospective tenants.

[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.]

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