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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING INTEGRITY OF ELECTION DAY
REGISTRATION.**

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

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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)
7 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who
8 wishes to change his or her registration to another municipality
9 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
10 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)
11 of section 9-12, may apply for admission as an elector on election day
12 pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
13 section.

14 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the
15 completion and processing of election day registration applications on

16 election day, provided the registrars of voters have access to the state-
17 wide centralized voter registration system from such location.

18 (2) The registrars of voters [may] shall appoint one or more election
19 officials, including official checkers, to serve at such location and may
20 delegate to such election officials any of the responsibilities assigned to
21 the registrars of voters. The registrars of voters shall supervise such
22 election officials and train such election officials to be election day
23 registration election officials. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
24 construed to prohibit any unofficial checker or challenger from being
25 present at such location.

26 (d) Any person applying to register on election day under the
27 provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section shall make
28 application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided
29 (1) on election day, the applicant shall appear in person at the location
30 designated by the registrars of voters for election day registration, (2)
31 an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution of higher
32 education may submit a current photo identification card issued by
33 [said] such institution in lieu of the identification required by section 9-
34 20, [and] (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant
35 has not previously voted in the election, and (4) the applicant shall be
36 administered the elector's oath individually. If the information that the
37 applicant is required to provide under section 9-20 and subsections (a)
38 to (i), inclusive, of this section does not include proof of the applicant's
39 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that
40 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not
41 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill
42 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due
43 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or, in the case of
44 a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a registration
45 or fee statement from such institution that has the applicant's name
46 and current address.

47 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the

48 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the
49 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter
50 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector.

51 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not
52 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as
53 an elector and proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of
54 subsection (f) of this section, and the privileges of an elector shall
55 attach immediately.

56 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an
57 elector in another municipality and such applicant states that he or she
58 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,
59 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters
60 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall
61 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality
62 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is
63 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall
64 notify the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector
65 from the official voter list of such municipality. Such election officials
66 shall cross through the elector's name on such official voter list and
67 mark "off" next to such elector's name on such official voter list.

68 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other
69 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall
70 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which
71 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not
72 receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of voters
73 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. For any
74 such elector, the election day registration process shall cease in the
75 municipality in which such elector now seeks to register and such
76 matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters in the municipality
77 in which such elector now seeks to register. After completion of such
78 review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot be made, such
79 matter shall be reported to the State Elections Enforcement

80 Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the matter.

81 [(B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in
82 the other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in
83 which the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an
84 elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately] (B) If
85 it is reported that such applicant did not already vote in such other
86 municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which the
87 applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and
88 proceed in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of this
89 section, and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

90 (C) If, at the time the applicant is appearing in person at the location
91 designated for election day registration, there is no report under
92 subparagraph (A) or (B) of this subdivision, the registrars of voters of
93 the municipality in which such applicant seeks to register shall note
94 the absence of any such report and proceed in accordance with
95 subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section without admitting such
96 applicant at such time.

97 (f) [If the applicant is admitted] (1) Upon admission of the applicant
98 as an elector pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this
99 section or subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of said subsection, the
100 registrars of voters shall provide the elector with an election day
101 registration ballot and election day registration envelope and [shall]
102 make a record of such issuance.

103 (2) For any applicant described in subparagraph (C) of subdivision
104 (2) of subsection (e) of this section, the registrar of voters shall provide
105 such applicant with an election day registration ballot and election day
106 registration envelope and make a record of such issuance, provided, if
107 before the time at which counting of election day registration ballots
108 begins, there is (A) a report under subparagraph (B) of said
109 subdivision for such applicant, the registrars of voters shall admit the
110 applicant as an elector, the privileges of an elector shall attach
111 immediately and such elector's election day registration ballot shall be

112 counted, and (B) no report under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision
113 for such applicant, such applicant shall not be admitted as an elector
114 and such applicant's election day registration ballot shall not be
115 counted.

116 (3) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall complete an
117 affirmation imprinted upon the back of the envelope for an election
118 day registration ballot and shall declare under oath that [the applicant]
119 he or she has not previously voted in the election. The affirmation shall
120 be in the form substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

124 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
125 indicated.

126 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
127 complete.

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

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

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

134 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
135 and received an election day registration ballot.

136 (Signature of voter)

137 (g) The elector or applicant, as applicable, shall forthwith mark the
138 election day registration ballot in the presence of the registrars of

139 voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall not know
140 how the election day registration ballot is marked. The elector or
141 applicant shall place the election day registration ballot in the election
142 day registration ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope
143 in a secured election day registration ballot depository receptacle. At
144 the time designated by the registrars of voters and noticed to election
145 officials, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle
146 containing the election day registration ballots to the central location or
147 polling place, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where
148 absentee ballots are counted and, except as provided in subparagraph
149 (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section, such election day
150 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials present at
151 such central location or polling place. A section of the head
152 moderator's return shall show the number of election day registration
153 ballots received from electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy
154 of the vote tally for election day registration ballots in a depository
155 envelope with the election day registration ballots and store such
156 election day registration depository envelope with the other election
157 results materials. The election day registration depository envelope
158 shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time
159 required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

160 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
161 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
162 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,
163 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
164 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

165 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
166 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
167 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as
168 an elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
169 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
170 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
171 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned

172 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
173 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding
174 the May first deadline in section 9-35.

175 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
176 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of
177 persons applying for election day registration as described in
178 subsection (d) of this section, (II) the number of such persons not
179 permitted to register in accordance with subparagraph (A) of
180 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, (III) the number of
181 registration confirmation notices sent to admitted applicants, pursuant
182 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned undelivered,
183 and (IV) the number of such admitted applicants that were
184 subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such
185 notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1)
186 of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the
187 Secretary of the State.

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

195 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
196 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
197 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such
198 applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in
199 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all
200 information resulting in such determination to the State Elections
201 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
202 matter.

203 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the

204 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
205 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
206 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
207 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
208 use as an entry to the registrars' of voters designated location for
209 election day registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or
210 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such
211 registrars' of voters designated location or in any room opening upon
212 any such corridor, passageway or approach.

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

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

Statement of Purpose:

To implement several reforms concerning the integrity of election day registration procedures.

[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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