



**Substitute House Bill No. 6870**

**Public Act No. 23-158**

**AN ACT CONCERNING RETRIEVAL BY TOWN CLERKS OF  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN DROP BOXES.**

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 9-140b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(c) (1) For purposes of this section, "mailed" means (A) sent by the United States Postal Service or any commercial carrier, courier or messenger service recognized and approved by the Secretary of the State, or (B) deposited in a secure drop box designated by the municipal clerk for such purpose, in accordance with instructions prescribed by the Secretary.

(2) In the case of absentee ballots mailed under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, beginning on the [twenty-ninth day before each election, primary or referendum] first day of issuance of absentee voting sets, as provided in subsection (f) of section 9-140, and on each weekday thereafter until the close of the polls at [such] the election, primary or referendum, the municipal clerk shall retrieve from the secure drop box described in said subparagraph each such ballot deposited in such drop box.

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