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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING 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 Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the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 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.

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

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

79 (B) [If there is no such] Unless there is a report that such applicant

80 has not already voted in the other municipality, such applicant shall
81 not receive an election day registration ballot from the registrars of
82 voters of the municipality in which the applicant seeks to register.
83 [shall admit the applicant as an elector and the privileges of an elector
84 shall attach immediately] For any such applicant, the election day
85 registration process shall cease in the municipality in which such
86 applicant now seeks to register until such time as such report is made.

87 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters
88 shall provide the elector with an election day registration ballot and
89 election day registration envelope and shall make a record of such
90 issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation imprinted upon the
91 back of the envelope for an election day registration ballot and shall
92 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the
93 election. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as follows
94 and signed by the voter:

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

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

98 2. I am eligible to vote in the election indicated for today in the town
99 indicated.

100 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and
101 complete.

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

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

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

108 7. I completed an application for an election day registration ballot
109 and received an election day registration ballot.

110 (Signature of voter)

111 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the election day registration
112 ballot in the presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that
113 the registrars of voters shall not know how the election day
114 registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the election day
115 registration ballot in the election day registration ballot envelope
116 provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured election day
117 registration ballot depository receptacle. At the time designated by the
118 registrars of voters and noticed to election officials, the registrars of
119 voters shall transport such receptacle containing the election day
120 registration ballots to the central location or polling place, pursuant to
121 subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are counted
122 and such election day registration ballots shall be counted by the
123 election officials present at such central location or polling place. A
124 section of the head moderator's return shall show the number of
125 election day registration ballots received from electors. The registrars
126 of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for election day registration
127 ballots in a depository envelope with the election day registration
128 ballots and store such election day registration depository envelope
129 with the other election results materials. The election day registration
130 depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for
131 the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for elections.

132 (h) The provisions of the general statutes and regulations
133 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of
134 absentee ballots shall apply as nearly as possible, to the custody,
135 control and counting of election day registration ballots under
136 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section.

137 (i) (1) After the acceptance of an election day registration, the
138 registrars of voters shall forthwith send a registration confirmation
139 notice to the residential address of each applicant who is admitted as

140 an elector on election day under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this
141 section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class mail with
142 instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable at the
143 address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation notice is returned
144 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in
145 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable, notwithstanding
146 the May first deadline in section 9-35.

147 (2) (A) Not later than ninety days after election day, the registrars of
148 voters of each town shall (i) compile a report of (I) the number of
149 persons applying for election day registration as described in
150 subsection (d) of this section, (II) the number of such persons not
151 permitted to register in accordance with subparagraph (A) of
152 subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section, (III) the number of
153 registration confirmation notices sent to admitted applicants, pursuant
154 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, that were returned undelivered,
155 and (IV) the number of such admitted applicants that were
156 subsequently placed on the inactive registry list as a result of such
157 notices being returned undelivered, in accordance with subdivision (1)
158 of this subsection and section 9-35, and (ii) submit such report to the
159 Secretary of the State.

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

167 (3) Not later than five days after a determination of the registrars of
168 voters of any town that the residency of an admitted applicant cannot
169 be verified because a registration confirmation notice for such
170 applicant was returned undelivered to such registrars, as provided in
171 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such registrars shall report all

172 information resulting in such determination to the State Elections
 173 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the
 174 matter.

175 (j) No person shall solicit in behalf of or in opposition to the
 176 candidacy of another or himself or herself or in behalf of or in
 177 opposition to any question being submitted at the election, or loiter or
 178 peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another
 179 person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in
 180 use as an entry to the registrars' of voters designated location for
 181 election day registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or
 182 other approach leading from any such outside entrance to such
 183 registrars' of voters designated location or in any room opening upon
 184 any such corridor, passageway or approach.

185 (k) The Secretary of the State shall develop a process by which
 186 registrars of voters and other elections officials serving at designated
 187 election day registration locations shall confirm that persons applying
 188 to register on election day under this section, which persons are
 189 registered to vote in any other state, have not already voted in such
 190 other state on such election day. For any such person, such registrars
 191 or election officials shall provide to such person a provisional ballot
 192 until such process has been developed.

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

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| Section 1 | October 1, 2019 | 9-19j |
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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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