



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any
4 person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if
5 he or she is unable to appear at his or her polling place [during the
6 hours of voting] on the day of such primary, election or referendum
7 for any of the following reasons: (1) His or her active service with the
8 armed forces of the United States; (2) his or her absence from the town
9 of [his or her voting residence during all of the hours of voting] which
10 he or she is an inhabitant; (3) his or her [illness] sickness; (4) his or her
11 physical disability; (5) the tenets of his or her religion forbid secular
12 activity; [on the day of the primary, election or referendum;] or (6) the
13 required performance of his or her duties as a primary, election or
14 referendum official, including as a town clerk or registrar of voters or
15 as staff of the clerk or registrar, at a polling place other than his or her
16 own during all of the hours of voting at such primary, election or

17 referendum.

18 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for
19 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to
20 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant.

21 Sec. 2. Section 9-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the
22 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

23 Each absentee ballot shall be returned to the municipal clerk,
24 inserted in an inner envelope which shall be capable of being sealed
25 and which shall have printed on its face a form containing the
26 following statements:

27 "I hereby state under the penalties of false statement in absentee
28 balloting that I am eligible to vote at the primary, election or
29 referendum in the municipality in which this absentee ballot is to be
30 cast and that I expect to be unable to appear at my polling place
31 [during the hours of voting at] on the day of such primary, election or
32 referendum for one or more of the following reasons: (1) My active
33 service in the armed forces; (2) my absence from the town in which I
34 am eligible to vote; [during all of the hours of voting;] (3) my [illness]
35 sickness or physical disability; (4) the tenets of my religion which
36 forbid secular activity; [on the day of the primary, election or
37 referendum;] or (5) my duties as a primary, election or referendum
38 official.

39 Date

40 (Signature)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-135
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	9-137

GAE *Joint Favorable*