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Good afternoon, my name is Michael R. Criss, I am the First Selectman for the Town of Harwinton and I am submitting testimony regarding S.B. 1057 “An Act Concerning the Secretary of the State and Early Voting”, S.B. 1064 “An Act Concerning the Implementation of Early Voting”, H.B. 5004 “An Act Implementing Early Voting”.

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**H.B. 5004 “An Act Implementing Early Voting”.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and submit testimony on proposed bills regarding S.B. 1057 “An Act Concerning the Secretary of the State and Early Voting”, S.B. 1064 “An Act Concerning the Implementation of Early Voting”, and H.B. 5004 “An Act Implementing Early Voting”.

In the November 2022 general election, voters approved a constitutional amendment that allows the General Assembly to pass legislation establishing in-person, early voting. Currently, 46 states authorize early in-person voting.

The Town of Harwinton respectfully submits the following comments on the above-referenced proposals to implement early, in-person voting prior to election day.

The Town of Harwinton supports efforts to implement a statutory framework allowing voters to cast a ballot early, but is against added costs placing more financial strain on our small communities and property owners, prior to election day, including primaries. The Town of Harwinton has a hard enough time finding poll workers for election day let alone for 10,14,18 days or weekends. We have concerns with the number of days and hours that municipalities must make early in-person voting available, given the costs associated with staffing polling sites.

Although it is anticipated that small towns may designate town halls as the polling location, many town halls are closed on Fridays or Friday afternoons and on weekends and holidays. Requiring towns to make the polling location available on weekends, holidays, and evenings will result in additional costs, including staff and overtime.

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Under the various proposals under consideration, municipalities will be required to provide for 10, 14, or 18 days of in-person voting prior to election day. Given the population of many of our small towns, this will result in unnecessary costs and benefit a handful of voters. The Town of Harwinton would be more in favor of no excuse absentee ballots rather than having in-person voting due to our aging population and only benefitting a small percentage of voters. This is not a one size fits all approach, Towns know the needs and can evaluate and should have the choice to offer in-person or no excuse absentee ballots. The State should also cover all expenses associated with its efforts.

In addition, under each of the proposals, the polling location must be available from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., including weekends, except on the last Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election or primary, the location must be open from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Again, this will result in unnecessary costs, including staff and overtime. It may also prove difficult to ensure that people are available to staff polling locations because many municipalities are having difficulties hiring workers to fill vacancies.

Harwinton would support revisions to the bills to provide a choice of in-person or no excuse absentee voting. If in-person is mandated the State must fund these efforts and polling locations should only be open during regular business hours on days when town halls are open. In addition, municipalities may keep polling locations open for additional hours at their discretion.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in opposition of S.B. 1057, S.B. 1064 and H.B. 5004 on behalf of the Town of Harwinton. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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**Raised Bill No. 1064**

LCO No. 4467



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY VOTING.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Any eligible voter may  
2 vote prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum, in  
3 accordance with the provisions of this section, during a period of early  
4 voting at each regular election held on or after July 1, 2023, and at each  
5 primary, special election or referendum held on or after January 1, 2024.

6 (b) Such period of early voting shall (1) commence on the nineteenth  
7 day, and conclude on the second day, prior to such election, primary or  
8 referendum, and (2) consist of eighteen total days, at such times as  
9 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as  
10 amended by this act.

11 (c) (1) The registrars of voters of each municipality shall designate a  
12 location for the conduct of early voting, provided (A) the registrars of  
13 voters have access to the state-wide centralized voter registration  
14 system from such location, and (B) such location is certified in writing

15 to the Secretary of the State not later than one hundred twenty days  
16 prior to the day of an election, primary or referendum. The written  
17 certification under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall provide (i)  
18 the name, street address and relevant contact information associated  
19 with such location, (ii) the number of election, primary or referendum  
20 officials appointed to serve at such location and the roles of such  
21 officials, and (iii) a description of the design of such location and a plan  
22 for effective conduct of such early voting. The Secretary shall approve  
23 or disapprove such written certification not later than ninety days before  
24 the day of such election, primary or referendum. If the Secretary  
25 disapproves such certification, the Secretary shall provide, in writing,  
26 the reasons for such disapproval and shall issue an order for such  
27 corrective action as the Secretary deems necessary, including, but not  
28 limited to, the appointment of additional election, primary or  
29 referendum officials or the alteration of such design or plan. After  
30 having received approval of such certification or having complied with  
31 any order for corrective action to the Secretary's satisfaction, as  
32 applicable, the registrars of voters shall determine the site of such  
33 location designated for the conduct of early voting at least thirty-one  
34 days prior to an election, primary or referendum. Such location shall not  
35 be changed within the period of thirty-one days prior to such election,  
36 primary or referendum, except, if the municipal clerk and registrars of  
37 voters unanimously find that such location has been rendered unusable  
38 within such period, such clerk and registrars shall forthwith designate  
39 another location for the conduct of early voting to be used in place of  
40 the location so rendered unusable and shall give adequate notice that  
41 such location has been so changed. The provisions of sections 9-168d  
42 and 9-168e of the general statutes shall apply to such location designated  
43 for the conduct of early voting.

44 (2) The registrars of voters of any municipality with a population of  
45 at least forty-five thousand may apply to the Secretary of the State not  
46 later than one hundred twenty days before the day of an election,  
47 primary or referendum, in a form and manner prescribed by the  
48 Secretary, to designate any additional location for the conduct of early

49 voting. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such application not  
50 later than ninety days before the day of such election, primary or  
51 referendum. If the Secretary approves such application, the registrars of  
52 voters may so designate any such additional location. The provisions of  
53 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such additional  
54 location. For the purposes of this subdivision, "population" means the  
55 estimated number of people according to the most recent version of the  
56 State Register and Manual prepared pursuant to section 3-90 of the  
57 general statutes.

58 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election, primary or  
59 referendum official appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this section  
60 any of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The  
61 registrars of voters shall supervise each such official and train each such  
62 official to be an early voting election, primary or referendum official.

63 (d) Any voter who wishes to vote during a period of early voting at  
64 an election, primary or referendum, and is eligible to so vote at such  
65 election, primary or referendum, shall (1) appear in person at such time  
66 as provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174 of the general statutes, as  
67 amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars of  
68 voters for early voting, (2) identify such voter as required by subsection  
69 (a) of section 9-261 of the general statutes, and (3) declare under oath  
70 that such voter has not previously voted in such election, primary or  
71 referendum, as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

72 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that a voter is eligible to vote  
73 in the election, primary or referendum, the registrars of voters shall  
74 check the state-wide centralized voter registration system before  
75 allowing such voter to cast an early voting ballot as provided in  
76 subsection (f) of this section.

77 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has not already  
78 voted, or if there is no report that the voter has already voted, the  
79 registrars shall allow such voter to vote.

80 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that the voter has already

81 voted, such voter shall not be allowed to vote and such matter shall be  
82 reviewed by the registrars of voters. After completion of such review, if  
83 a resolution of the matter cannot be made, such matter shall be reported  
84 to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall conduct an  
85 investigation of the matter.

86 (f) If the voter is allowed to vote, the registrars of voters shall provide  
87 such voter with an early voting ballot and early voting envelope and  
88 shall make a record of such issuance. The voter shall complete an  
89 affirmation printed upon the back of the early voting envelope and shall  
90 declare under oath that the voter has not previously voted in the  
91 election, primary or referendum. The affirmation shall be in the form  
92 substantially as follows and signed by the voter:

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

95 1. I am the voter appearing in person to vote at an election, primary  
96 or referendum prior to the day of such election, primary or referendum.

97 2. I am eligible to vote in the election, primary or referendum  
98 indicated for today.

99 3. I have identified myself to the satisfaction of the registrars of voters.

100 4. I have not voted in person or by absentee ballot and I will not vote  
101 otherwise than by this ballot at this election, primary or referendum.

102 5. I have received an early voting ballot for the purpose of so voting.

103 .... (Signature of voter)

104 (g) The voter shall forthwith mark the early voting ballot in the  
105 presence of the registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars  
106 of voters shall not know how the early voting ballot is marked. The voter  
107 shall place the early voting ballot in the early voting ballot envelope  
108 provided and deposit such envelope in a secured early voting ballot  
109 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early

110 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle  
111 containing such day's early voting ballots to the municipal clerk, who  
112 shall retain such ballots until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of  
113 voters on the day of the election, primary or referendum for the purpose  
114 of counting such ballots. A section of the head moderator's return shall  
115 show the number of early voting ballots received from voters. The  
116 registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for early voting  
117 ballots in a depository envelope with the early voting ballots and store  
118 such early voting depository envelope with the other election, primary  
119 or referendum results materials. The early voting depository envelope  
120 shall be preserved by the registrars of voters for the period of time  
121 required to preserve counted ballots for elections, primaries or  
122 referenda.

123 (h) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of title 9  
124 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted under said title  
125 concerning procedures relating to the custody, control and counting of  
126 absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the custody, control  
127 and counting of early voting ballots under this section.

128 (i) No person shall solicit on behalf of or in opposition to any  
129 candidate or on behalf of or in opposition to any question being  
130 submitted at the election, primary or referendum, or loiter or peddle or  
131 offer any advertising matter, ballot or circular to another person within  
132 a radius of seventy-five feet of any outside entrance in use as an entry  
133 to any location designated by the registrars of voters for early voting or  
134 in any corridor, passageway or other approach leading from any such  
135 outside entrance to any such location or in any room opening upon any  
136 such corridor, passageway or approach.

137 (j) The provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of this section  
138 shall not apply to any primary held for the purpose of choosing town  
139 committee members.

140 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) Early voting ballots and same-  
141 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received by the

142 municipal clerk prior to the day of the election or primary shall be  
143 delivered by the municipal clerk to the registrars between six o'clock  
144 a.m. and ten o'clock a.m. on the day of the election or primary.

145 (b) The ballot counters for such early voting ballots and same-day  
146 election or same-day primary registration ballots shall proceed to the  
147 central counting location or to the respective polling places when  
148 counting is to take place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a of  
149 the general statutes at the time, between six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock  
150 a.m. on the day of the election or primary, designated by the registrars  
151 of voters. At the time such ballots are delivered to the ballot counters  
152 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the ballot counters shall  
153 perform any checking of such ballots and proceed, as nearly as possible,  
154 as provided in section 9-150a of the general statutes.

155 Sec. 3. Section 9-174 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

157 (a) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any  
158 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,  
159 at any regular election, or at any special election held to fill a vacancy in  
160 a state, district or municipal office, the polls on the day of such election  
161 shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.  
162 No elector shall be permitted to cast such elector's vote after the hour  
163 prescribed for the closing of the polls in any election unless such elector  
164 is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police officer of the  
165 municipality, who is designated by the moderator, shall be placed at the  
166 end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or officer shall not allow  
167 any electors who were not in such line at eight o'clock p.m. to enter such  
168 line.

169 (b) Notwithstanding [the provisions of any general statute,] any  
170 provision of the general statutes or any special act or municipal charter,  
171 at any regular election, each location designated for election day  
172 registration pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-19j, as amended by  
173 this act, shall remain open for election day registration and voting from



174 six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. No applicant for election day  
175 registration shall be admitted as an elector or permitted to cast such  
176 applicant's vote after the hour prescribed for the closing of the location  
177 designated for such purposes in any regular election unless such  
178 applicant is in line at eight o'clock p.m. An election official or a police  
179 officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars of voters,  
180 shall be placed at the end of the line at eight o'clock p.m. Such official or  
181 officer shall not allow any applicants who were not in such line at eight  
182 o'clock p.m. to enter such line.

183 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
184 special act or municipal charter, at any election held on or after July 1,  
185 2023, and at any primary, special election or referendum held on or after  
186 January 1, 2024, each location designated for early voting pursuant to  
187 subsection (c) of section 1 of this act shall, during the early voting period,  
188 remain open from ten o'clock a.m. to six o'clock p.m., except that such  
189 location shall remain open from eight o'clock a.m. to eight o'clock p.m.  
190 on the last Wednesday and Thursday prior to the election, primary or  
191 referendum. No voter shall be permitted to cast such voter's vote after  
192 the hour prescribed for the closing of the location designated for early  
193 voting at such election, primary or referendum unless such voter is in  
194 line at such prescribed hour. An election, primary or referendum official  
195 or a police officer of the municipality, who is appointed by the registrars  
196 of voters, shall be placed at the end of the line at such prescribed hour.  
197 Such official or officer shall not allow any voters who were not in such  
198 line at such prescribed hour to enter such line.

199 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 9-174a of the general statutes is  
200 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
201 *2023*):

202 (a) For each municipality, the registrars of voters, in consultation with  
203 the municipal clerk, shall create an emergency contingency plan for  
204 elections, primaries and referenda to be held within such municipality,  
205 including the conduct of early voting, as provided in section 1 of this  
206 act, at such regular elections held on or after July 1, 2023, and at such

207 primaries, special elections and referenda held on or after January 1,  
208 2024. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, (1) solutions for  
209 ballot or envelope shortages, and (2) strategies to implement in the event  
210 of (A) a shortage or absence of [poll workers] election, primary or  
211 referendum officials at the polling place or the location designated for  
212 early voting, as applicable, (B) a loss of power, (C) a fire or the sounding  
213 of an alarm within a polling place or a location designated for early  
214 voting, (D) voting machine malfunctions, (E) a weather or other natural  
215 disaster, (F) the need to remove [a poll worker or moderator] an election,  
216 primary or referendum official and to replace such [worker or  
217 moderator] official, and (G) disorder in and around the polling place or  
218 the location designated for early voting.

219 Sec. 5. Section 9-19j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
220 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

221 (a) As used in [this subsection and subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of]  
222 this section: [, "election day"]

223 (1) "Election day" means the day on which a regular election, as  
224 defined in section 9-1, as amended by this act, is held;

225 (2) "Primary day" means the day on which a primary, as defined in  
226 section 9-372 or 9-463, as applicable, is held;

227 (3) "Same-day election registration" means admission as an elector  
228 during the period of early voting at an election, as provided in section 1  
229 of this act, or on election day; and

230 (4) "Same-day primary registration" means both admission as an  
231 elector and enrollment in a political party holding a primary during the  
232 period of early voting at a primary, as provided in section 1 of this act,  
233 or on primary day.

234 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, a person who (1)  
235 is (A) not an elector, or (B) an elector registered in a municipality who  
236 wishes to change such elector's registration to another municipality

237 pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this  
238 section, and (2) meets the eligibility requirements under subsection (a)  
239 of section 9-12, may apply for [admission as an elector on election day]  
240 same-day election registration or same-day primary registration  
241 pursuant to the provisions [of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this  
242 section.

243 (c) (1) The registrars of voters shall designate a location for the  
244 completion and processing of [election day registration applications on  
245 election day] same-day election registrations and same-day primary  
246 registrations, provided (A) the registrars of voters [shall] have access to  
247 the state-wide centralized voter registration system from such location,  
248 and (B) such location [shall be] is certified in writing to the Secretary of  
249 the State not later than [~~thirty-one~~] forty-nine days before election day  
250 or primary day. The written certification under subparagraph (B) of this  
251 subdivision shall (i) include the name, street address and relevant  
252 contact information associated with such location, (ii) list the name and  
253 address of each election official or primary official appointed to serve at  
254 such location, if any, and (iii) provide a description of the design of such  
255 location and a plan for effective completion and processing of such  
256 applications. The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such written  
257 certification not later than [~~fifteen~~] thirty-three days before election day  
258 or primary day and may require the registrars of voters to appoint one  
259 or more additional election officials or primary officials or alter such  
260 design or plan.

261 (2) The registrars of voters may apply to the Secretary of the State not  
262 later than [~~sixty~~] seventy-eight days before election day or primary day,  
263 in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, to designate any  
264 additional location for the completion and processing of [election day]  
265 same-day election or same-day primary registration applications. [on  
266 election day.] The Secretary shall approve or disapprove such  
267 application not later than [~~forty-five~~] sixty-three days before election  
268 day or primary day. If the Secretary approves such application, the  
269 registrars of voters may so designate any such additional location. The  
270 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall apply to any such

271 additional location.

272 (3) The registrars of voters may delegate to each election official  
273 appointed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection [ , if any,] any  
274 of the responsibilities assigned to the registrars of voters. The registrars  
275 of voters shall supervise each such election official or primary official  
276 and train each such [election] official to be [an election day registration  
277 election] a same-day election or same-day primary registration official.

278 (d) Any person applying [to register on election day] for same-day  
279 election or same-day primary registration under the provisions [of  
280 subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,] of this section shall make application in  
281 accordance with the provisions of section 9-20, provided (1) (A) on  
282 election day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person not  
283 later than eight o'clock p.m., in accordance with subsection (b) of section  
284 9-174, as amended by this act, at the location designated by the registrars  
285 of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day primary  
286 registration, and (B) during the period of early voting prior to election  
287 day or primary day, the applicant shall appear in person at such time as  
288 provided in subsection (c) of section 9-174, as amended by this act, at  
289 such location, (2) an applicant who is a student enrolled at an institution  
290 of higher education may submit a current photo identification card  
291 issued by such institution in lieu of the identification required by section  
292 9-20, and (3) the applicant shall declare under oath that the applicant  
293 has not previously voted in the election or primary, as provided in  
294 subsection (f) of this section. If the information that the applicant is  
295 required to provide under section 9-20 and [subsections (a) to (i),  
296 inclusive, of] this section does not include proof of the applicant's  
297 residential address, the applicant shall also submit identification that  
298 shows the applicant's bona fide residence address, including, but not  
299 limited to, a learner's permit issued under section 14-36 or a utility bill  
300 that has the applicant's name and current address and that has a due  
301 date that is not later than thirty days after the election or primary or, in  
302 the case of a student enrolled at an institution of higher education, a  
303 registration or fee statement from such institution that has the  
304 applicant's name and current address.

305 (e) If the registrars of voters determine that an applicant satisfies the  
306 application requirements set forth in subsection (d) of this section, the  
307 registrars of voters shall check the state-wide centralized voter  
308 registration system before admitting such applicant as an elector or  
309 enrolling such applicant in a political party holding a primary.

310 (1) If the registrars of voters determine that the applicant is not  
311 already an elector, the registrars of voters shall admit the applicant as  
312 an elector and the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately.  
313 Subject to the provisions of section 9-59, if the registrars of voters  
314 determine that the applicant is not already enrolled in a political party,  
315 the registrars of voters shall enroll the applicant in the political party  
316 holding a primary of such applicant's preference and the privileges of  
317 party enrollment shall attach immediately.

318 (2) If the registrars of voters determine that such applicant is an  
319 elector in another municipality and such applicant [states that he or she]  
320 wants to change the municipality in which the applicant is an elector,  
321 notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-21, the registrars of voters  
322 of the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register shall  
323 immediately notify the registrars of voters in such other municipality  
324 that such elector is changing the municipality in which the applicant is  
325 an elector. The registrars of voters in such other municipality shall notify  
326 the election officials in such municipality to remove such elector from  
327 the official voter list and, if applicable, any enrollment list of such  
328 municipality. Such election officials shall cross through the elector's  
329 name on such official voter list and, if applicable, enrollment list and  
330 mark "off" next to such elector's name on any such [official voter] list.

331 (A) If it is reported that such applicant already voted in such other  
332 municipality, the registrars of voters of such other municipality shall  
333 immediately notify the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
334 such elector now seeks to register. In such event, such elector shall not  
335 receive [an election day] a same-day election or same-day primary  
336 registration ballot from the registrars of voters of the municipality in  
337 which such elector now seeks to register. For any such elector, the

338 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration  
339 process shall cease in the municipality in which such elector now seeks  
340 to register and such matter shall be reviewed by the registrars of voters  
341 in the municipality in which such elector now seeks to register. After  
342 completion of such review, if a resolution of the matter [can not] cannot  
343 be made, such matter shall be reported to the State Elections  
344 Enforcement Commission which shall conduct an investigation of the  
345 matter.

346 (B) If there is no such report that such applicant already voted in the  
347 other municipality, the registrars of voters of the municipality in which  
348 the applicant seeks to register shall admit the applicant as an elector and  
349 the privileges of an elector shall attach immediately. Subject to the  
350 provisions of section 9-59, the registrars of voters shall also enroll the  
351 applicant in the political party holding a primary of such applicant's  
352 preference and the privileges of party enrollment shall attach  
353 immediately.

354 (f) If the applicant is admitted as an elector, the registrars of voters  
355 shall provide the elector with [an election day] a same-day election or  
356 same-day primary registration ballot and [election day] same-day  
357 election or same-day primary registration envelope and shall make a  
358 record of such issuance. The elector shall complete an affirmation  
359 imprinted upon the back of the same-day election or same-day primary  
360 registration envelope [for an election day registration ballot] and shall  
361 declare under oath that the applicant has not previously voted in the  
362 election or primary. The affirmation shall be in the form substantially as  
363 follows and signed by the voter:

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

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

367 2. I am eligible to vote in the election or primary indicated for today  
368 in the town indicated.

369 3. The information on my voter registration card is correct and  
370 complete.

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

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

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

377 7. I completed an application for [an election day] a same-day election  
378 registration or same-day primary registration ballot and received [an  
379 election day] a same-day election registration or same-day primary  
380 registration ballot.

381 .... (Signature of voter)

382 (g) The elector shall forthwith mark the [election day] same-day  
383 election or same-day primary registration ballot in the presence of the  
384 registrars of voters in such a manner that the registrars of voters shall  
385 not know how the [election day] same-day election or same-day  
386 primary registration ballot is marked. The elector shall place the  
387 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot  
388 in the [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration  
389 ballot envelope provided, and deposit such envelope in a secured  
390 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration ballot  
391 depository receptacle. At the conclusion of each day during the early  
392 voting period, the registrars of voters shall transport such receptacle  
393 containing such day's same-day election or same-day primary  
394 registration ballots to the municipal clerk, who shall retain such ballots  
395 until delivery of such ballots to the registrars of voters on election day  
396 or primary day for the purpose of counting such ballots. On election day  
397 or primary day, at the time designated by the registrars of voters and  
398 noticed to election officials or primary officials, the registrars of voters  
399 shall transport such receptacle containing the [election day] same-day

400 election or same-day primary registration ballots received on such  
401 election day or primary day to the central location or polling place,  
402 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a, where absentee ballots are  
403 counted and such [election day] same-day election or same-day primary  
404 registration ballots shall be counted by the election officials or primary  
405 officials present at such central location or polling place. A section of the  
406 head moderator's return shall show the number of [election day] same-  
407 day election or same-day primary registration ballots received from  
408 electors. The registrars of voters shall seal a copy of the vote tally for  
409 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration  
410 ballots in a depository envelope with the [election day] same-day  
411 election or same-day primary registration ballots and store such  
412 [election day] same-day election or same-day primary registration  
413 depository envelope with the other election or primary results  
414 materials. The [election day] same-day election or same-day primary  
415 registration depository envelope shall be preserved by the registrars of  
416 voters for the period of time required to preserve counted ballots for  
417 elections.

418 (h) [The] Except as provided in section 2 of this act, the provisions of  
419 [the general statutes and regulations] title 9 and any regulation adopted  
420 under said title concerning procedures relating to the custody, control  
421 and counting of absentee ballots shall apply, as nearly as possible, to the  
422 custody, control and counting of [election day] same-day election or  
423 same-day primary registration ballots under [subsections (a) to (i),  
424 inclusive, of] this section.

425 (i) After the acceptance of [an election day] a same-day election or  
426 same-day primary registration, the registrars of voters shall forthwith  
427 send a registration confirmation notice to the residential address of each  
428 applicant who [is] was admitted as an elector on election day or during  
429 the period of early voting prior to election day, or who was enrolled in  
430 a political party holding a primary on primary day or during the period  
431 of early voting prior to primary day, under [subsections (a) to (i),  
432 inclusive, of] this section. Such confirmation shall be sent by first class  
433 mail with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not



434 deliverable at the address shown on the envelope. If a confirmation  
435 notice is returned undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the  
436 necessary action in accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, as applicable,  
437 notwithstanding the May first deadline in section 9-35.

438 (j) No person shall solicit [in] on behalf of or in opposition to [the  
439 candidacy of another or himself or herself] any candidate or [in] on  
440 behalf of or in opposition to any question being submitted at the  
441 election, or loiter or peddle or offer any advertising matter, ballot or  
442 circular to another person within a radius of seventy-five feet of any  
443 outside entrance in use as an entry to any location designated by the  
444 registrars of voters for [election day] same-day election or same-day  
445 primary registration balloting or in any corridor, passageway or other  
446 approach leading from any such outside entrance to any such location  
447 or in any room opening upon any such corridor, passageway or  
448 approach.

449 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 9-225 of the general statutes is  
450 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
451 *2023*):

452 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the  
453 town clerk or assistant town clerk of each town shall warn the electors  
454 therein to meet on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November  
455 in the even-numbered years, at six o'clock a.m., which warning shall be  
456 given by publication (A) in a newspaper having a general circulation in  
457 such town, or towns in the case of a joint publication under subsection  
458 (b) of this section, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous  
459 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at such  
460 election, and (B) on such town's Internet web site, not more than fifteen  
461 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the  
462 period of early voting at such election. The clerk in each town shall, in  
463 the warning for such election, give notice of (i) the time and the location  
464 of each polling place in the town, (ii) in towns divided into voting  
465 districts, the time and the location of each polling place in each district,  
466 [and] (iii) the time and the [location] site of each location designated for

467 [election day] same-day election registration in the town, and (iv) the  
468 time and the site of each location designated for the conduct of early  
469 voting, at which such election will be held. The town clerk shall record  
470 each such warning.

471 (2) For the state election in 2020, and any election held pursuant to  
472 section 9-211, 9-212, 9-215 or 9-218 on or after June 23, 2021, but prior to  
473 November 3, 2021, the warning under subsection (a) of this section shall  
474 be given not more than seven nor less than four days previous to  
475 holding such election.

476 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 9-226 of the general statutes is  
477 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
478 *2023*):

479 (a) The warning of each municipal election shall specify the objects  
480 for which such election is to be held. Except as provided in subsection  
481 (b) of this section, notice of a town election shall be given by the town  
482 clerk or assistant town clerk, by publishing a warning (1) in a newspaper  
483 published in such town or having a general circulation therein, such  
484 publication to be not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous  
485 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the  
486 election, and (2) on such town's Internet web site, such publication to be  
487 not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous to [holding] the  
488 commencement of the period of early voting at the election. The town  
489 clerk in each town shall, in the warning for such election, give notice of  
490 (A) the time and the location of each polling place in the town, (B) in  
491 towns divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each  
492 polling place in each district, [and] (C) the time and the [location] site  
493 of each location designated for [election day] same-day election  
494 registration, and (D) the time and the site of each location designated for  
495 the conduct of early voting, in the town. The town clerk shall record  
496 each such warning. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,  
497 notice of an election of a city or borough shall be given by publishing a  
498 warning (i) in a newspaper published within the limits of such city or  
499 borough or having a general circulation therein, not more than fifteen

500 nor less than five days previous to [holding] the commencement of the  
501 period of early voting at the election, and (ii) on the Internet web site of  
502 such city or borough, or the town having such city or borough within  
503 such town's limits, not more than fifteen nor less than five days previous  
504 to [holding] the commencement of the period of early voting at the  
505 election, which warning shall include notice of (I) the time and the  
506 location of each polling place in such city or borough, (II) in cities and  
507 boroughs divided into voting districts, the time and the location of each  
508 polling place in each district, [and] (III) the time and the [location] site  
509 of each location designated for [election day] same-day election  
510 registration, and (IV) the time and the site of each location designated  
511 for the conduct of early voting, in such city or borough.

512 Sec. 8. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 9-255a of the general  
513 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
514 (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

515 (a) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk from each  
516 municipality shall jointly certify, in writing, to the Secretary of the State  
517 the number of ballots for each polling place in the municipality that have  
518 been ordered for each election or primary to be held within such  
519 municipality. Such registrars and clerk shall also so certify the number  
520 of ballots for each location designated for the conduct of early voting in  
521 the municipality that have been ordered for each regular election held  
522 on or after July 1, 2023, and for each primary or special election held on  
523 or after January 1, 2024. Such certification shall be on a form provided  
524 by the Secretary that shall have questions, including, but not limited to,  
525 those pertaining to the historical turnout for each such polling place or  
526 location, as applicable, in the municipality for the past four elections or  
527 primaries of similar nature to the election or primary to be held. The  
528 registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall include as part of any such  
529 certification any other relevant factors that may be unique to each such  
530 polling place or location in their municipality. Such certification shall be  
531 provided to the Secretary not later than thirty-one days prior to the  
532 commencement of the period of early voting at an election or twenty-  
533 one days prior to the commencement of the period of early voting at a

534 primary.

535 (b) If the registrars of voters and municipal clerk of a municipality do  
536 not jointly submit the certification as set forth in subsection (a) of this  
537 section, such registrars of voters and municipal clerk shall order a  
538 number of ballots equal to the total number of registered voters in their  
539 municipality for such election or primary.

540 (c) The registrars of voters and municipal clerk may jointly apply to  
541 the Secretary of the State for a waiver of the requirements of subsections  
542 (a) and (b) of this section. Such waiver request shall be submitted to the  
543 Secretary of the State, in writing, not later than the forty-fifth day before  
544 the commencement of the period of early voting at the election or the  
545 thirtieth day before the commencement of the period of early voting at  
546 the primary to be held and shall demonstrate good cause for such  
547 waiver. Not later than five days after receipt of such waiver request, the  
548 Secretary shall notify, in writing, the municipal clerk requesting a  
549 waiver, of the Secretary's response.

550 Sec. 9. Section 9-373a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
551 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

552 Any person desiring to be a write-in candidate for any state, district  
553 or municipal office to be filled at any regular election shall register his  
554 candidacy with the Secretary of the State on a form prescribed by the  
555 Secretary. The registration shall include the candidate's name and  
556 address, the designation and term of the office sought, a statement of  
557 consent to the candidacy, and any other information which the Secretary  
558 deems necessary. In the case of a write-in candidacy for the office of  
559 Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the registration shall include a  
560 candidate for each of those offices, or shall be void. The registration shall  
561 not include a designation of any political party. The registration shall be  
562 filed with the Secretary not more than ninety days prior to the election  
563 at which the office is to be filled and not later than four o'clock p.m. on  
564 the fourteenth day preceding the commencement of the period of early  
565 voting at the election, or the registration shall be void. No person

566 nominated for an office by a major or minor party or by nominating  
567 petition shall register as a write-in candidate for that office under the  
568 provisions of this section, and any registration of a write-in candidacy  
569 filed by such a person shall be void. Notwithstanding any provision of  
570 this section to the contrary, any person desiring to be a write-in  
571 candidate for the municipal office of town meeting member in any town  
572 having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or more  
573 members shall register his candidacy with the town clerk of such town  
574 not later than the last business day preceding such election. A person  
575 may register as a write-in candidate for a district or municipal office if  
576 such person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the  
577 district or municipality represented by such office, as the case may be.  
578 A person may register as a write-in candidate for a state office if such  
579 person's name appears on the last-completed registry list of the state.

580 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-224b of the general statutes  
581 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
582 *January 1, 2024*):

583 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in order to be  
584 a valid write-in candidate in a special election called to fill a vacancy in  
585 a state, district or municipal office, a person shall register with the  
586 Secretary of the State not earlier than ninety days before such election  
587 and not later than the end of the business day on the fourteenth day  
588 preceding the commencement of the period of early voting at such  
589 election.

590 (b) In order to be a valid write-in candidate in a special election called  
591 to fill a vacancy in the municipal office of town meeting member in any  
592 town having a representative town meeting which has seventy-five or  
593 more members, a person shall register with the town clerk of such town  
594 not earlier than ninety days preceding such election and not later than  
595 the last business day preceding the commencement of the period of  
596 early voting at the election.

597 Sec. 11. Section 9-329b of the general statutes is repealed and the

598 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

599       At any time prior to the commencement of the period of early voting  
600 at a primary held on or after January 1, 2024, and pursuant to sections  
601 9-423, 9-425 and 9-464, or a special act, or prior to the commencement of  
602 the period of early voting at any regular election held on or after July 1,  
603 2023, or at any special election held on or after January 1, 2024, the  
604 Superior Court may issue an order removing a candidate from a ballot  
605 where it is shown that said candidate is improperly on the ballot.

606       Sec. 12. Section 9-460 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
607 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

608       If any party has nominated a candidate for office, or, on and after  
609 November 4, 1981, if a candidate has qualified to appear on any ballot  
610 by nominating petition under a reserved party designation, in  
611 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such nominee  
612 thereafter, but prior to forty-six days before the opening of the polls on  
613 the day of the election for which such nomination has been made, dies,  
614 withdraws such nominee's name or for any reason becomes disqualified  
615 to hold the office for which such nominee has been nominated (1) such  
616 party or, on and after November 4, 1981, the party designation  
617 committee may make a nomination to fill such vacancy or provide for  
618 the making of such nomination as its rules prescribe, and (2) if another  
619 party that is qualified to nominate a candidate for such office does not  
620 have a nominee for such office, such party may also nominate a  
621 candidate for such office as its rules prescribe. No withdrawal, and no  
622 nomination to replace a candidate who has withdrawn, under this  
623 section shall be valid unless the candidate who has withdrawn has filed  
624 a letter of withdrawal signed by such candidate with the Secretary of the  
625 State in the case of a state or district office or the office of state senator  
626 or state representative from any district, or with the municipal clerk in  
627 the case of a municipal office other than state senator or state  
628 representative. A copy of such candidate's letter of withdrawal to the  
629 municipal clerk shall also be filed with the Secretary of the State. No  
630 nomination to fill a vacancy under this section shall be valid unless it is

631 certified to the Secretary of the State in the case of a state or district office  
632 or the office of state senator or state representative from any district, or  
633 to the municipal clerk in the case of a municipal office other than state  
634 senator or state representative, by the organization or committee  
635 making such nomination, at least forty-two days before the opening of  
636 the polls on the day of the election, except as otherwise provided by this  
637 section. If a nominee dies within forty-six days, but prior to twenty-four  
638 hours, before the [opening of the polls on the day of] commencement of  
639 the period of early voting at the election for which such nomination has  
640 been made, the vacancy may be filled in the manner prescribed in this  
641 section by two o'clock p.m. of the day before the [election] first day of  
642 such period of early voting with the municipal clerk or the Secretary of  
643 the State, as the case may be. If a nominee dies within twenty-four hours  
644 before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early  
645 voting at the election and prior to the close of the polls on the day of the  
646 election for which such nomination has been made, such nominee shall  
647 not be replaced and the votes cast for such nominee shall be canvassed  
648 and counted, and if such nominee receives a plurality of the votes cast,  
649 a vacancy shall exist in the office for which the nomination was made.  
650 The vacancy shall then be filled in a manner prescribed by law. A copy  
651 of such certification to the municipal clerk shall also be filed with the  
652 Secretary of the State. Such nomination to fill a vacancy due to death or  
653 disqualification shall include a statement setting forth the reason for  
654 such vacancy. If at the time such nomination is certified to the Secretary  
655 of the State or to the municipal clerk, as the case may be, the ballots have  
656 already been printed, the Secretary of the State shall direct the municipal  
657 clerk in each municipality affected to (A) have the ballots reprinted with  
658 the nomination thus made included thereon, (B) cause printed stickers  
659 to be affixed to the ballots so that the name of any candidate who has  
660 died, withdrawn or been disqualified is deleted and the name of any  
661 candidate chosen to fill such vacancy appears in the same position as  
662 that in which the vacated candidacy appeared, or (C) cause blank  
663 stickers to be so affixed if the vacancy is not filled.

664       Sec. 13. Section 9-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the

665 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

666 If only one candidacy has been filed by a person other than a party-  
667 endorsed candidate for the nomination by a political party to a  
668 particular office and the candidate whose candidacy has been so filed  
669 thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the  
670 period of early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from  
671 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office for  
672 which he is a candidate, no primary shall be held for the nomination of  
673 such party to that office and the party-endorsed candidate for such  
674 office shall be deemed to have been lawfully chosen in the same manner  
675 and to the same extent as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450,  
676 inclusive, in the case where no candidacy other than a party-endorsed  
677 candidacy has been filed. If candidacies have been filed by only one  
678 group of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for election to a  
679 town committee, and the candidates whose candidacies have been so  
680 filed thereafter, but prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of  
681 the period of early voting at such primary, die, withdraw their names  
682 from nomination or for any reason become disqualified to hold the  
683 positions for which they are candidates, so as to render the number of  
684 candidacies so filed less than twenty-five per cent of the number of town  
685 committee members to be elected by such party either in the  
686 municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, no  
687 primary shall be held for those positions and the party-endorsed  
688 candidates for such positions shall be deemed to have been lawfully  
689 chosen in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided in  
690 sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no candidacies other  
691 than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed. If any person on a  
692 slate, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of  
693 early voting at such primary, dies, withdraws his name from  
694 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the position  
695 for which he is a candidate, such partial slate shall appear on the ballot  
696 at the primary and, if such partial slate wins, then the remaining  
697 members may fill the vacancy. If only one such slate other than a slate  
698 of party-endorsed candidates has been filed for election and prior to the



699 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at  
700 such primary each of the persons on such slate dies, withdraws or  
701 becomes disqualified, no primary shall be held for those positions and  
702 the party-endorsed candidates for those positions shall be deemed to  
703 have been lawfully chosen in the same manner and to the same extent  
704 as is provided in sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, in the case where no  
705 candidacies other than party-endorsed candidacies have been filed.

706 Sec. 14. Section 9-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
707 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

708 If a party-endorsed candidate for nomination to an office or for  
709 election to the position of town committee member, prior to twenty-four  
710 hours before the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of  
711 early voting at the primary, dies or, prior to ten days before the first day  
712 of such [primary] period of early voting, withdraws his name from  
713 nomination or for any reason becomes disqualified to hold the office or  
714 position for which he is a candidate, the state central committee, the  
715 town committee or other authority of the party which endorsed such  
716 candidate may make an endorsement to fill such vacancy or provide for  
717 the making of such endorsement, in such manner as is prescribed in the  
718 rules of such party, and certify to the registrar and municipal clerk or to  
719 the Secretary of the State, as the case may be, the name of the person so  
720 endorsed. If such certification is made at least twenty-four hours prior  
721 to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting  
722 at the primary, in the case of such an endorsement to replace a candidate  
723 who has died, or at least seven days before the first day of such  
724 [primary] period of early voting, in the case of such an endorsement to  
725 replace a candidate who has withdrawn or become disqualified, such  
726 person so endorsed shall run in the primary as the party-endorsed  
727 candidate, except as provided in sections 9-416 and 9-417. If such  
728 certification of another party-endorsed candidate has been made within  
729 the time specified in this section, and if the ballots have already been  
730 printed and the names of the candidates for such office or position  
731 appear on the ballots, the Secretary of the State or the registrar, as the  
732 case may be, shall direct the clerk of each municipality holding such

733 primary to have the ballots reprinted with the name of the person so  
734 certified included thereon; provided, in the case of such an endorsement  
735 to replace a candidate who has died, if such certification has been made  
736 less than ninety-six hours but at least twenty-four hours prior to the  
737 [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of early voting at  
738 the primary, such Secretary or registrar shall direct such clerk to have  
739 stickers printed and inserted upon the ballots, having the name of the  
740 person so certified appearing thereon, and the moderator in each polling  
741 place shall cause such stickers to be pasted on the ballots before the  
742 opening of the polls at such primary.

743 Sec. 15. Section 9-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
744 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

745 If, prior to the [opening of the polls] commencement of the period of  
746 early voting at a primary for nomination to an office or for election of  
747 town committee members, such a number of candidates have died,  
748 withdrawn their names or become ineligible, and have not been  
749 replaced as permitted in sections 9-426, as amended by this act, and 9-  
750 428, as amended by this act, as to render the total number of candidates  
751 for such office or position no greater than the number to be nominated  
752 to such office or elected to such positions, the primary shall not be held,  
753 and each of the party-endorsed and other candidates shall be deemed to  
754 have been lawfully nominated to such office or elected to such positions.

755 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 9-55 of the general statutes is  
756 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
757 *1, 2024*):

758 (b) If a political party authorizes unaffiliated electors to vote in a  
759 primary, under section 9-431, and a notice of primary is published, the  
760 registrars shall cause a list of all unaffiliated electors eligible to vote in  
761 the primary to be printed before the commencement of the period of  
762 early voting at such primary. If unaffiliated electors are authorized to  
763 vote in only one party's primary and are authorized to vote for all offices  
764 to be contested at the primary, the registrars may print the list of

765 unaffiliated electors in combination with such party's enrollment list,  
766 indicating party affiliation where applicable.

767 Sec. 17. Section 9-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
768 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

769 The Secretary of the State shall provide to the clerk of the  
770 municipality in which such election is to be held a list of the candidates  
771 of each party for such office by the thirty-fourth day before the  
772 commencement of the period of early voting at such special election.

773 Sec. 18. Subsection (b) of section 9-4a of the general statutes is  
774 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
775 *2023*):

776 (b) The voter guide shall contain:

777 (1) The date of the state election and the hours the polls will be open,  
778 and the dates of the period of early voting at such state election and the  
779 hours the locations designated for the conduct of early voting will be  
780 open;

781 (2) The name, party affiliation and contact information of each  
782 candidate who is nominated or qualifies as a petitioning candidate for  
783 election to the office of President of the United States, Vice-President of  
784 the United States, senator in Congress, representative in Congress,  
785 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer,  
786 State Comptroller, Secretary of the State, state senator or state  
787 representative at the state election. As used in this section, "contact  
788 information" means any or all of the following information received by  
789 the Secretary of the State in the course of the secretary's elections duties  
790 or by the Federal Election Commission: A candidate's campaign mailing  
791 address, telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address  
792 and web site. The voter guide may provide contact information for a  
793 candidate for the office of President of the United States, Vice-President  
794 of the United States, senator in Congress or representative in Congress  
795 by an electronic link to such information on the Federal Election

796 Commission's web site;

797 (3) The following three maps produced pursuant to the most recent  
798 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut  
799 congressional districts: One map showing the boundaries of state  
800 senatorial districts, one map showing the boundaries of state house of  
801 representatives districts and one map showing the boundaries of state  
802 congressional districts;

803 (4) A description of each office to be filled at the state election;

804 (5) An absentee ballot application in printable format;

805 (6) Instructions regarding voting by absentee ballot;

806 (7) Information on the procedure for registering to vote;

807 (8) A voter registration application in printable format;

808 (9) The full text of each proposed constitutional amendment that will  
809 appear on the ballot at the state election;

810 (10) The explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such  
811 proposed constitutional amendment, which is prepared by the Office of  
812 Legislative Research pursuant to section 2-30a; and

813 (11) The text of the Voter's Bill of Rights set forth in section 9-236b.

814 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Secretary of the State shall  
815 develop and conduct a state-wide public awareness campaign to  
816 educate the public regarding the availability of early voting at elections,  
817 primaries and referenda and provide information to the public  
818 concerning such early voting, including, but not limited to, the number  
819 of days of early voting prior to an election, primary or referendum, the  
820 hours for early voting during such days and the procedures for casting  
821 a ballot at locations designated for the conduct of early voting.

822 Sec. 20. Section 9-235e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
823 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

824 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the  
825 State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be allowed access to each polling  
826 place or location designated for the conduct of early voting within the  
827 state during any municipal, state or federal election, primary or  
828 recanvass for the purpose of reviewing [each] any such polling place or  
829 location and any recanvass for compliance with state and federal law. If  
830 the Secretary is a candidate on the ballot for any election or primary at  
831 a polling place, only the Secretary's designee may access such polling  
832 place pursuant to the provisions of this section.

833 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 9-6c of the general statutes is  
834 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
835 *2023*):

836 (a) Two or more municipalities may jointly perform any function that  
837 each municipality is required to perform individually under this title,  
838 except conduct early voting, by entering into an agreement pursuant to  
839 this section. Any such agreement shall be negotiated and shall contain  
840 all provisions upon which each participating municipality agrees. Any  
841 such agreement shall establish a process for amendment of, termination  
842 of and withdrawal from such agreement. Any proposed agreement shall  
843 be submitted to the legislative body of each participating municipality  
844 for a vote to ratify or reject such agreement. The legislative body of each  
845 participating municipality shall provide an opportunity for public  
846 comment prior to any such vote. For purposes of this section, providing  
847 an opportunity for public comment does not require a legislative body  
848 to conduct a public hearing.

849 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 9-50b of the general statutes is  
850 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
851 *2023*):

852 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the  
853 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter  
854 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the  
855 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they

856 voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during  
857 the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee  
858 ballot.

859 Sec. 23. Subsection (y) of section 9-1 of the general statutes is repealed  
860 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

861 (y) "The last session for admission of electors prior to an election"  
862 means the day which is the [seventh] twenty-second day prior to an  
863 election.

864 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 9-17 of the general statutes are  
865 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
866 *2023*):

867 (a) For the purposes of this section, "primary day" means the day that  
868 a primary for state, district and municipal offices is being held in  
869 accordance with section 9-423, and "election day" means the day of each  
870 regular election. (1) The registrars of voters of each town shall hold  
871 sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found  
872 qualified on the dates and at the times set forth in this section. Such  
873 sessions shall be held on the following days during the hours indicated,  
874 except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection:

T1	Day	Hours
T2	Fourteenth day	
T3	before primary day .....	any two hours between
T4		5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
T5	[Seventh] <u>Twenty-second</u> day	
T6	before election day .....	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

875 The session of the registrars of voters on the [seventh] twenty-second  
876 day before election day shall be the last session for admission of electors  
877 prior to an election, as defined in subsection (y) of section 9-1, as  
878 amended by this act. (2) No town having a population of less than  
879 twenty-five thousand persons shall be required to hold sessions for

880 admission of electors on the fourteenth day before primary day.

881 Sec. 25. Subsection (f) of section 9-19k of the general statutes is  
882 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
883 *2023*):

884 (f) If an applicant registers to vote pursuant to the provisions of this  
885 section after the [~~seventh~~] twenty-second day before an election or after  
886 the [~~fifth~~] twenty-second day before a primary, the privileges of an  
887 elector shall not attach until the day after such election or primary, as  
888 the case may be. In such event, the registrars of voters may contact such  
889 applicant, either by telephone or mail, in order to inform such applicant  
890 of the effect of such late received application and any applicable  
891 deadline for applying for admission in person.

892 Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-23g of the general statutes  
893 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
894 *1, 2023*):

895 (c) Forthwith upon receipt of a registration application in the office of  
896 the registrars of voters, the registrar shall mark such date on the  
897 application and review the application to determine whether the  
898 applicant has properly completed it and is legally qualified to register.  
899 Forthwith upon completing his review, the registrar shall (1) indicate on  
900 the application whether the application has been accepted or rejected,  
901 (2) mail a notice to the applicant, (3) indicate on the application the date  
902 on which such notice is mailed, and (4) provide a copy of such notice to  
903 the other registrar. If the registrar determines that the applicant has not  
904 properly completed the application or is not legally qualified to register,  
905 the notice shall indicate that the application has been rejected and shall  
906 state any reason for rejection. If the registrar determines that the  
907 applicant has properly completed the application and is legally  
908 qualified to register, the notice shall indicate that the application has  
909 been accepted. A notice of acceptance or a notice of rejection shall be  
910 sent (A) not later than four days after receipt of an application during  
911 the period beginning on the forty-ninth day before an election and

912 ending on the twenty-first day before such election, (B) on the day of  
913 receipt of an application if it is received (i) during the period beginning  
914 on the twentieth day before such election and ending on the [seventh]  
915 twenty-second day before such election, (ii) during the period beginning  
916 on the [sixth] twenty-first day before an election and ending on election  
917 day if the application has been received by the [seventh] twenty-second  
918 day before an election by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a  
919 voter registration agency, (iii) during the period beginning on the  
920 twenty-first day before a primary and ending on the [fifth] twenty-  
921 second day before a primary, or (iv) during the period beginning on the  
922 [fourth] twenty-first day before a primary and ending at twelve o'clock  
923 noon on the last weekday before a primary, if the application has been  
924 postmarked by the [fifth] twenty-second day before the primary and is  
925 received in the office of the registrars of voters during such period or if  
926 the application is received by the [fifth] twenty-first day before a  
927 primary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter  
928 registration agency, and (C) within ten days of receipt of an application  
929 at any other time. A notice of acceptance shall be sent by first-class mail  
930 with instructions on the envelope that it be returned if not deliverable  
931 at the address shown on the envelope. A notice of acceptance shall  
932 indicate the effective date of the applicant's registration and enrollment,  
933 the date of the next regularly scheduled election or primary in which the  
934 applicant shall be eligible to vote and the applicant's precinct and  
935 polling place. If a notice of acceptance of an application is returned  
936 undelivered, the registrars shall forthwith take the necessary action in  
937 accordance with section 9-35 or 9-43, notwithstanding the May first  
938 deadline in section 9-35. An applicant for admission as an elector  
939 pursuant to this section and section 9-23h may only be admitted as an  
940 elector by a registrar of voters of the town of his residence. Not later  
941 than December thirty-first, annually, the Secretary of the State shall  
942 establish an official calendar of all deadlines set forth in this subsection  
943 for regularly scheduled elections and primaries to be held in the  
944 following calendar year.

945 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the privileges



946 of an elector for any applicant for admission under this section and  
947 section 9-23h shall attach immediately upon approval by the registrar,  
948 and the registrars shall enter the name of the elector on the registry list.

949 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, if a mailed  
950 application is postmarked, or if a delivered application is received in the  
951 office of the registrars of voters, after the [~~seventh~~] twenty-second day  
952 before an election or after the [~~fifth~~] twenty-second day before a  
953 primary, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after  
954 such election or primary, as the case may be. In such event, the registrars  
955 of voters may contact such applicant, either by telephone or mail, in  
956 order to inform such applicant of the effect of such late received mail-in  
957 application and any applicable deadline for applying for admission in  
958 person.

959 (3) If an application is received after the [~~seventh~~] twenty-second day  
960 before an election or after the [~~fifth~~] twenty-second day before a primary  
961 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or by a voter registration  
962 agency, the privileges of an elector shall not attach until the day after  
963 the election or primary, as the case may be, or on the day the registrar  
964 approves it, whichever is later.

965 (4) If on the day of an election or primary, the name of an applicant  
966 does not appear on the official check list, such applicant may present to  
967 the moderator at the polls either a notice of acceptance received through  
968 the mail or an application receipt that was previously provided to the  
969 applicant pursuant to section 9-19e, subsection (b) of section 9-19h,  
970 subsection (b) of this section or section 9-23n. If an applicant presents  
971 said notice or receipt, and either the registrars of voters find the original  
972 application or the applicant submits a new application at the polls, the  
973 registrar, or assistant registrar upon notice to and approval by the  
974 registrar, shall add such person's name and address to the official check  
975 list on such day and the person shall be allowed to vote if otherwise  
976 eligible to vote and the person presents to the checkers at the polling  
977 place a preprinted form of identification pursuant to subparagraph (A)  
978 of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-261.

979 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 9-192a of the  
 980 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 981 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

982 (3) Once certified, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, each  
 983 registrar shall participate each year in not less than eight hours of  
 984 training, not including any training described under subdivision (2) of  
 985 subsection (d) of this section, in order to maintain such certification.  
 986 Such training shall be as prescribed by the Secretary of the State and  
 987 shall be conducted by said Secretary or a third party approved by said  
 988 Secretary to conduct such training. On and after July 1, 2023, such  
 989 training shall include procedures for the conduct of early voting at  
 990 elections, primaries and referenda. Any registrar who fails to satisfy  
 991 such annual training requirement shall be directed by the Secretary of  
 992 the State to take remedial measures prescribed by said Secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2023	9-174
Sec. 4	July 1, 2023	9-174a(a)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2023	9-19j
Sec. 6	July 1, 2023	9-225(a)
Sec. 7	July 1, 2023	9-226(a)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2023	9-255a(a) to (c)
Sec. 9	July 1, 2023	9-373a
Sec. 10	January 1, 2024	9-224b(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	July 1, 2023	9-329b
Sec. 12	July 1, 2023	9-460
Sec. 13	January 1, 2024	9-426
Sec. 14	January 1, 2024	9-428
Sec. 15	January 1, 2024	9-429
Sec. 16	January 1, 2024	9-55(b)
Sec. 17	January 1, 2024	9-217
Sec. 18	July 1, 2023	9-4a(b)
Sec. 19	from passage	New section
Sec. 20	July 1, 2023	9-235e

Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-6c(a)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-50b(c)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-1(y)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-17(a)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-19k(f)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-23g(c) and (d)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-192a(a)(3)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) establish early voting beginning in 2023 for certain elections and beginning in 2024 for certain primaries, special elections and referenda, (2) establish the number of days and hours of, and implement procedures for the conduct of, such early voting, (3) provide for same-day election and same-day primary registrations during periods of early voting, (4) make conforming changes to deadlines for the performance of certain duties prior to an election or primary, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to undertake efforts to educate the public about early voting and train registrars of voters regarding the administration of early voting.

*[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.]*