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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL AND VARIOUS OTHER REFORMS TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS."

Strike subsection (g) of section 4 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(g) (1) On the first day of issuance of absentee voting sets, the municipal clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to each applicant whose application was received by the clerk prior to that day. When the clerk receives an application during the time period in which absentee voting sets are to be issued, **[**he**]** the clerk shall mail an absentee voting set to the applicant **[**,**]** within twenty-four hours, unless the applicant submits **[**his**]** such applicant's application in person at the office of the clerk and **[**asks**]** requests to be given **[**his**]** such applicant's absentee voting set immediately, in which case the clerk shall comply with the

request. Any absentee voting set to be mailed to an applicant shall be mailed to the bona fide personal mailing address shown on the application. If an applicant has provided a mailing address at a Department of Correction facility and such applicant is subsequently transferred to another Department of Correction facility, the Commissioner of Correction shall ensure delivery of the absentee voting set to such applicant. Issuance of absentee voting sets shall also be subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, section 9-150c **[**and section 9-159q**]** concerning persons designated to deliver or return ballots in cases involving unforeseen illness or disability and section 9-159q, as amended by this act, concerning supervised voting at certain health care institutions.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, upon receipt of an application under section 9-140e, 9-153e, as amended by this act, 9-153f, as amended by this act, or 9-158c, the municipal clerk may issue to the applicant an absentee ballot by electronic means if such applicant requests such manner of issuance."

Strike section 9 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Any elector may submit a request, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the State, to the registrars of voters of the municipality of such elector's voting residence to automatically receive an application for an absentee ballot for each election and referendum, and primary if applicable, conducted in such municipality. Each elector whose request is approved shall be issued an absentee ballot application, as soon as practicable, in advance of each such election, primary or referendum for which such elector is eligible to vote. Such elector's automatic absentee ballot application status shall remain in effect until such elector: (1) Is removed from the official registry list of the municipality, (2) is removed from automatic absentee ballot application status in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, or (3) requests in writing to the registrar of voters that such elector no longer receive such automatic absentee ballot

application status.

(b) An elector approved for automatic absentee ballot application status shall be removed from such status whenever (1) such elector's absentee ballot application is returned as undeliverable, (2) such elector submits a change of address form for a move outside the state with the National Change of Address System of the United States Postal Service, (3) a registrar of voters of the municipality in which such elector previously resided receives information or data, used to maintain the state-wide centralized voter registration system under section 9-50c of the general statutes, that such elector has moved outside the state, (4) the Secretary of the State or a registrar of voters of the municipality in which such elector previously resided receives information under section 9-21 of the general statutes that such elector has registered to vote outside the state, or (5) such elector's name is placed on the inactive registry list compiled under section 9-35 of the general statutes."

Strike subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 57 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(2) Nothing in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be construed to (A) prevent any officer, agent or person described in said subdivision, when off duty, from voting in accordance with the provisions of title 9 of the general statutes or otherwise engaging in protected political expression, or (B) prohibit any such officer, agent or person from (i) passing within two hundred fifty feet of an elections site only for as long as necessary to be within such two hundred fifty feet while on the way to a place or location other than such elections site, or (ii) residing within such two hundred fifty feet."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 9	*July 1, 2026*	New section