



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 653

LCO No. 638



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING UNSOLICITED PROVISION OF ABSENTEE
BALLOT APPLICATIONS, AUDITS OF SAME-DAY ELECTION
REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING, FREE-OF-CHARGE
PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING PURPOSES, MANDATORY
MINIMUMS FOR ELECTION CRIMES AND SIGNATURE VERIFICATION
FOR ABSENTEE VOTING.***

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

- 1 That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to (1) prohibit the
- 2 unsolicited mailing, delivery or other provision of absentee ballot
- 3 applications; (2) require the audit of same-day election registrations and
- 4 subsequent confirmation notices of such registrations; (3) require
- 5 registrars of voters to verify that any elector who votes by absentee
- 6 ballot actually resides at the address associated with such elector's
- 7 absentee ballot application and absentee ballot; (4) (A) require photo
- 8 identification for voting in person or by absentee ballot, (B) afford
- 9 electors means of obtaining, free of charge, such photo identification for
- 10 purposes of so voting, and (C) afford electors means of obtaining from

11 public libraries, free of charge, a photocopy of such photo identification
12 for purposes of so voting by absentee ballot, the costs of which are to be
13 reimbursable by the State Treasurer; (5) impose mandatory minimum
14 sentences for certain felony violations of election laws; and (6) require
15 the Secretary of the State to develop and implement a process for
16 verifying the signatures upon returned absentee ballots against the
17 signatures upon the corresponding absentee ballot applications.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement multiple revisions to the election laws relating to absentee voting, same-day election registration, in-person voting and criminal penalties.