



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 8504



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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1516

File No. 673

Cal. No. 362

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO VOTING AND ELECTIONS IN  
THIS STATE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2026,  
4 the Secretary of the State shall develop and implement a process by  
5 which town clerks, registrars of voters, moderators, absentee ballot  
6 counters and other election officials serving at polling places or central  
7 locations designated for the counting of absentee ballots, as applicable,  
8 shall verify that the signature upon the inner envelope statement of a  
9 returned absentee ballot matches the signature upon the corresponding  
10 absentee ballot application.

11 Sec. 502. Subsection (d) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is  
 12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
 13 *passage*):

14 (d) (1) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as  
 15 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or  
 16 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced  
 17 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the  
 18 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters. (2) If such statement  
 19 is signed but the individual completing the ballot is an individual  
 20 described in subsection (a) of section 9-23r and has not met the  
 21 requirements of subsection (e) of section 9-23r, the counters shall replace  
 22 the ballot in the opened inner envelope, replace the inner envelope in  
 23 the opened outer envelope and mark "Rejected as an Absentee Ballot"  
 24 and endorse the reason for such rejection on the outer envelope, and the  
 25 ballot shall be treated as a provisional ballot for federal offices only,  
 26 pursuant to sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive. (3) If such statement is  
 27 signed but the signature upon the inner envelope does not match the  
 28 signature upon the corresponding absentee ballot application, as  
 29 determined under the process described in section 501 of this act, such  
 30 inner envelope shall not be opened or the ballot removed therefrom, and  
 31 such inner envelope shall be replaced in the opened outer envelope  
 32 which shall be remarked "Rejected" and the reason therefor endorsed  
 33 thereupon by the counters."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Sec. 501  | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 502  | <i>from passage</i> | 9-150a(d)   |