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**"AN ACT STUDYING EFFORTS TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL PILOT PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE SUCH EFFORTS."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) Ballots shall be printed in plain clear type and on material of such  
6 size as will fit the tabulator, and shall be furnished by the registrar of  
7 voters. The size and style of the type used to print the name of a political  
8 party on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type  
9 used to print the names of all other political parties appearing on such  
10 ballot.

11 (b) The name of each major party candidate for a municipal office, as  
12 defined in section 9-372, except for the municipal offices of state senator  
13 and state representative, shall appear on the ballot as authorized by each

14 candidate. The name of each major party candidate for a state or district  
15 office, as defined in section 9-372, or for the municipal office of state  
16 senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on  
17 the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388,  
18 subsection (b) of section 9-391, or section 9-400 or 9-409. The name of  
19 each minor party candidate shall appear on the ballot as authorized by  
20 each candidate, except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c)  
21 of this section. The name of each nominating petition candidate shall  
22 appear on the ballot as it is verified by the town clerk on the application  
23 filed under section 9-453b.

24 (c) (1) The size and style of the type used to print the name of a  
25 candidate on a ballot shall be identical with the size and style of the type  
26 used to print the names of all other candidates appearing on such ballot.  
27 Such ballot shall contain the names of the offices and the names of the  
28 candidates arranged thereon. [The] Except as provided in subdivision  
29 (2) of this subsection, the names of the political parties and party  
30 designations shall be arranged on the ballots and followed by the word  
31 "party", either in columns or horizontal rows as set forth in section 9-  
32 249a, immediately adjacent to the column or row occupied by the  
33 candidate or candidates of such political party or organization.

34 (2) In the case of a candidate who has been nominated by more than  
35 one major or minor party, as defined in section 9-372, to the same office,  
36 or a candidate who has been nominated by a major or minor party to an  
37 office and who is also eligible to appear on the ballot by nominating  
38 petition for the same office in accordance with the provisions of section  
39 9-453t, the name of such candidate shall appear on the ballot only once.

40 (d) The ballot shall be printed in such manner as to indicate how  
41 many candidates the elector may vote for each office, provided in the  
42 case of a town adopting the provisions of section 9-204a, such ballot  
43 shall indicate the maximum number of candidates who may be elected  
44 to such office from any party. If two or more candidates are to be elected  
45 to the same office for different terms, the term for which each is  
46 nominated shall be printed on the official ballot as a part of the title of

47 the office. If, at any election, one candidate is to be elected for a full term  
48 and another to fill a vacancy, the official ballot containing the names of  
49 the candidates in the foregoing order shall, as a part of the title of the  
50 office, designate the term which such candidates are severally  
51 nominated to fill. No column, under the name of any political party or  
52 independent organization, shall be printed on any official ballot, which  
53 contains more candidates for any office than the number for which an  
54 elector may vote for that office.

55 Sec. 502. Section 9-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

57 (a) A voting tabulator approved by the Secretary of the State shall be  
58 so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the candidates of at  
59 least nine different parties or organizations. It shall permit voting in  
60 absolute secrecy. It shall be provided with a lock by means of which any  
61 illegal movement of the voting or registering mechanism is absolutely  
62 prevented. Such tabulator shall be so constructed that an elector cannot  
63 vote for a candidate or on a proposition for whom or on which the  
64 elector is not lawfully entitled to vote.

65 (b) It shall be so constructed as to prevent an elector from voting for  
66 more than one person for the same office, except when the elector is  
67 lawfully entitled to vote for more than one person for that office, and it  
68 shall afford the elector an opportunity to vote for only as many persons  
69 for that office as the elector is by law entitled to vote for, at the same  
70 time preventing the elector from voting for the same person twice. It  
71 shall be so constructed that all votes cast will be registered or recorded  
72 by the tabulator. [In the event that a candidate is cross endorsed and an  
73 elector casts more than one vote for such candidate, such vote shall be  
74 attributed by the head moderator to the endorsing parties as provided  
75 for in this subsection. The head moderator shall (1) determine the  
76 percentage of all attributable votes the candidate received that are  
77 attributable to each endorsing party, (2) determine the number of ballots  
78 upon which an elector voted for the candidate more than once, and (3)  
79 apply the percentage determined under subdivision (1) of this

80 subsection for an endorsing party to the total determined under  
81 subdivision (2) of this subsection. The resulting number from the  
82 calculation under subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be the number  
83 of votes the head moderator attributes to the endorsing party associated  
84 with the percentage used in the calculation under subdivision (3) of this  
85 subsection. The head moderator shall repeat the calculation in  
86 subdivision (3) of this subsection for each endorsing party. For any  
87 result under subdivision (3) of this subsection that is a fractional  
88 number, the head moderator shall round such result to the nearest  
89 whole number, provided a half number shall be rounded to the next  
90 highest whole number, and provided further that each such endorsing  
91 party with a percentage greater than zero under subdivision (1) of this  
92 subsection shall receive at least one such vote, with the remaining  
93 parties receiving a proportional reduction in votes, if necessary. If any  
94 vote remains that can not be evenly attributed to such parties, such vote  
95 shall be attributed to the endorsing party with the most votes.]

96 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
97 the Secretary of the State may approve a voting tabulator which requires  
98 the elector in the polls to place the elector's ballot into the recording  
99 device and which meets the voluntary performance and test standards  
100 for voting systems adopted by (1) the Federal Election Commission on  
101 January 25, 1990, as amended from time to time, or (2) the Election  
102 Assistance Commission pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002,  
103 P.L. 107-252, 42 USC 15481-85, as amended from time to time, whichever  
104 standards are most current at the time of the Secretary of the State's  
105 approval, and regulations which the Secretary of the State may adopt in  
106 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. [, provided the voting  
107 tabulator shall (A) warn the elector of overvotes, (B) not record  
108 overvotes, and (C) not record more than one vote of an elector for the  
109 same person for an office. In the event that a candidate is cross endorsed  
110 and an elector casts more than one vote for such candidate, such vote  
111 shall be attributed by the head moderator to the endorsing parties as  
112 provided for in this subsection. The head moderator shall (i) determine  
113 the percentage of all attributable votes the candidate received that are

114 attributable to each endorsing party, (ii) determine the number of ballots  
115 upon which an elector voted for the candidate more than once, and (iii)  
116 apply the percentage determined under subparagraph (C)(i) of this  
117 subsection for an endorsing party to the total determined under  
118 subparagraph (C)(ii) of this subsection. The resulting number from the  
119 calculation under subparagraph (C)(iii) of this subsection shall be the  
120 number of votes the head moderator attributes to the endorsing party  
121 associated with the percentage used in the calculation under  
122 subparagraph (C)(iii) of this subsection. The head moderator shall  
123 repeat the calculation in subparagraph (C)(iii) of this subsection for each  
124 endorsing party. For any result under subparagraph (C)(iii) of this  
125 subsection that is a fractional number, the head moderator shall round  
126 such result to the nearest whole number, provided a half number shall  
127 be rounded to the next highest whole number, and provided further that  
128 each such endorsing party with a percentage greater than zero under  
129 subparagraph (C)(i) of this subsection shall receive at least one such  
130 vote, with the remaining parties receiving a proportional reduction in  
131 votes, if necessary. If any vote remains that can not be evenly attributed  
132 to such parties, such vote shall be attributed to the endorsing party with  
133 the most votes.]

134 (d) Any direct recording electronic voting tabulator approved by the  
135 Secretary of the State for an election or primary held on or after July 1,  
136 2005, shall be so constructed as to:

137 (1) (A) Contemporaneously produce an individual, permanent, paper  
138 record containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences for  
139 candidates and questions or proposals, if any, prior to the elector's  
140 casting a ballot, as set forth in this subsection, and (B) produce at any  
141 time after the close of the polls a voting tabulator generated, individual,  
142 permanent, paper record of each such elector's selections of ballot  
143 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any. Both the  
144 contemporaneously produced paper record and the voting tabulator  
145 generated paper record of each elector's selections of ballot preferences  
146 shall include a voting tabulator generated unique identifier that can be

147 matched against each other and which preserves the secrecy of the  
148 elector's ballot as set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection;

149 (2) Provide each elector with an opportunity to verify that the  
150 contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent, paper record  
151 accurately conforms to such elector's selection of ballot preferences, as  
152 reflected on the electronic summary screen, and to hear, if desired, an  
153 audio description of such electronic summary screen, for the purpose of  
154 having an opportunity to make any corrections or changes prior to  
155 casting the ballot. If an elector makes corrections or changes prior to  
156 casting the ballot, the voting tabulator shall void such  
157 contemporaneously produced paper record, contemporaneously  
158 produce another paper record containing such corrections or changes  
159 and provide the elector with another opportunity to verify ballot  
160 preferences in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. As  
161 used in this section, "electronic summary screen" means a screen  
162 generated by a direct recording electronic voting tabulator that displays  
163 a summary of an elector's selections of ballot preferences for candidates  
164 and questions or proposals, if any, at an election or primary;

165 (3) Provide that a ballot shall be deemed cast on the voting tabulator  
166 at the time that an elector's contemporaneously produced, individual,  
167 permanent, voter-verified paper record, containing all of the elector's  
168 final selections of ballot preferences, is (A) deposited inside a receptacle  
169 designed to store all such paper records produced by such voting  
170 tabulator on the day of the election or primary, and (B) the elector's  
171 selection of ballot preferences is simultaneously electronically recorded  
172 inside the voting tabulator for the purpose of (i) being electronically  
173 tabulated immediately after the polls are closed on the day of the  
174 election or primary, and (ii) producing, on such other day as required  
175 under section 9-242b, a voting tabulator generated, individual,  
176 permanent, paper record of each such elector's selections of ballot  
177 preferences for candidates and questions or proposals, if any;

178 (4) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (1) of section 9-242b,  
179 secure the secrecy of each such elector's ballot by making it impossible

180 for any other individual to identify the elector in relationship to such  
181 elector's selection of ballot preferences at the time that the elector (A)  
182 selects ballot preferences; (B) verifies the accuracy of the electronic  
183 summary screen by comparing it to the contemporaneously produced,  
184 individual, permanent, paper record or the audio description of such  
185 electronic summary screen, prior to casting a ballot; (C) makes  
186 corrections or changes by reselecting ballot preferences and verifies the  
187 accuracy of such preferences in accordance with the provisions of  
188 subdivision (2) of this subsection prior to casting a ballot; and (D) casts  
189 the ballot; and at the time that all electors' ballots are canvassed,  
190 recanvassed or otherwise tallied to produce a final count of the vote for  
191 candidates and questions or proposals, if any, whether through the  
192 electronic vote tabulation process or through the manual count process  
193 of each elector's contemporaneously produced, individual, permanent,  
194 voter-verified paper record, as set forth in section 9-242b; and

195 (5) (A) Be accessible to blind or visually impaired persons by  
196 providing each elector, if desired by the elector, an audio description of  
197 the contemporaneously produced individual, permanent, paper record  
198 containing all of the elector's selections of ballot preferences, in addition  
199 to an audio description of the electronic summary screen and comply  
200 with such additional standards of accessibility included in regulations  
201 that the Secretary of the State may adopt in accordance with the  
202 provisions of chapter 54.

203 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
204 subdivision, on or before June 30, 2007, the Secretary of the State may  
205 approve an electronic voting tabulator that does not comply with the  
206 provisions of said subparagraph if (i) the Secretary determines that there  
207 are no electronic voting tabulators available for purchase or lease at the  
208 time of such approval that are capable of complying with said  
209 subparagraph (A), (ii) the electronic voting tabulator complies with the  
210 provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection, and  
211 (iii) the person applying to the Secretary for approval of the electronic  
212 voting tabulator agrees to include a provision in any contract for the sale

213 or lease of such voting tabulators that requires such person, upon  
214 notification by the Secretary that modifications to such tabulators that  
215 would bring the tabulators into compliance with said subparagraph (A)  
216 are available, to (I) so modify any electronic voting tabulators  
217 previously sold or leased under such contract in order to comply with  
218 said subparagraph (A), and (II) provide that any electronic voting  
219 tabulators sold or leased after receipt of such notice comply with said  
220 subparagraph (A). No voting tabulator approved under this  
221 subparagraph shall be used on or after July 1, 2007, unless it has been  
222 modified to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
223 subdivision."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-250
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-242