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Offered by:

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To: House Bill No. 7287

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2027, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS  
THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND  
OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-140c of the general statutes is amended by adding  
4 subsection (m) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

5 (NEW) (m) The Secretary of the State shall develop and provide to  
6 the clerks and registrars of voters of each municipality a manual  
7 regarding the custody and control of returned absentee ballots prior to  
8 their counting on the day of a primary, election or referendum,  
9 including the secure retention of such ballots after receipt under section  
10 9-140b, the endorsement upon the outer envelope of the date and precise  
11 time of receipt, the recording of the method of receipt, the sorting into  
12 voting districts, the checking of names against the official checklist to be  
13 used at such primary, election or referendum and the delivery of such

14 absentee ballots on the day of such primary, election or referendum, to  
15 ensure uniformity in the handling of returned absentee ballots prior to  
16 such counting on such day.

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18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  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

20 The absentee ballot counters shall proceed to the central counting  
21 location or to the respective polling places when counting is to take  
22 place pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-147a at the times designated  
23 by the registrars of voters. The counting of absentee ballots shall not  
24 occur, and the registrars of voters shall not designate any such time that  
25 is, prior to the day of the election, primary or referendum for which such  
26 absentee ballots were cast.

27 Sec. 503. Subsection (d) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is  
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
29 *passage*):

30 (d) (1) If the statement on the inner envelope has not been signed as  
31 required by section 9-140a, such inner envelope shall not be opened or  
32 the ballot removed therefrom, and such inner envelope shall be replaced  
33 in the opened outer envelope which shall be marked "Rejected" and the  
34 reason therefor endorsed thereon by the counters. The registrars of  
35 voters shall use best efforts to notify each absentee ballot applicant  
36 whose ballot was marked "Rejected" under this subdivision for the  
37 purpose of advising that (A) such applicant's ballot has been rejected,  
38 and (B) such applicant may still be able to vote in person on the day of  
39 the election, primary or referendum.

40 (2) If such statement is signed but the individual completing the  
41 ballot is an individual described in subsection (a) of section 9-23r and  
42 has not met the requirements of subsection (e) of section 9-23r, the  
43 counters shall replace the ballot in the opened inner envelope, replace  
44 the inner envelope in the opened outer envelope and mark "Rejected as

45 an Absentee Ballot" and endorse the reason for such rejection on the  
46 outer envelope, and the ballot shall be treated as a provisional ballot for  
47 federal offices only, pursuant to sections 9-232i to 9-232o, inclusive. The  
48 registrars of voters shall use best efforts to notify each absentee ballot  
49 applicant whose ballot was marked "Rejected as an Absentee Ballot"  
50 under this subdivision for the purpose of advising that (A) such  
51 applicant's ballot has been rejected, and (B) such applicant may still be  
52 able to vote in person on the day of the election, primary or referendum,  
53 provided such applicant meets the requirements of subsection (d) of  
54 section 9-23r."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-140c(m)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	9-150a(a)
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	9-150a(d)