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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5001

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

1 Strike section 28 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 9-163aa of the 2026 supplement to
4 the general statutes, as amended by section 69 of public act 26-1, is
5 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
6 *2026*):

7 (a) (1) (A) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a regular
8 election, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
9 period of early voting at each regular election held on or after April 1,
10 2024.

11 (B) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) of this
12 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,
13 commence on the [fifteenth] sixth day prior to and conclude on the
14 second day prior to such regular election, and (ii) consist of such days
15 between and inclusive of such commencement and conclusion, except
16 any legal holiday designated, appointed or recommended under section
17 1-4, and at such times as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of
18 section 9-174.

19 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection,
20 any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a primary, other than a
21 presidential preference primary, in accordance with the provisions of
22 this section, during a period of early voting at each primary, other than
23 a presidential preference primary, held on or after April 1, 2024.

24 (B) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) of this
25 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,
26 commence on the [eighth] fourth day prior to and conclude on the
27 second day prior to such primary, other than a presidential preference
28 primary, and (ii) consist of such days between and inclusive of such
29 commencement and conclusion, except any legal holiday designated,
30 appointed or recommended under section 1-4, and at such times as
31 provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 9-174.

32 (3) (A) Any eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a special
33 election, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
34 period of early voting at each special election held on or after April 1,
35 2024.

36 (B) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection, any
37 eligible elector may vote prior to the day of a presidential preference
38 primary, in accordance with the provisions of this section, during a
39 period of early voting at each presidential preference primary held on
40 or after April 1, 2024.

41 (C) The period of early voting under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this

42 subdivision shall (i) notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-2,
43 commence on the [~~fifth~~] third day prior to and conclude on the second
44 day prior to such special election or such presidential preference
45 primary, except that such commencing and concluding days shall be
46 adjusted to exclude from such period April 20, 2025, and any legal
47 holiday designated, appointed or recommended under section 1-4, and
48 (ii) consist of [~~four~~] two total days between and inclusive of such
49 commencement and conclusion, as may be adjusted pursuant to
50 subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision, and at such times as provided
51 in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 9-174.

52 (4) (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-26,
53 9-31a, 9-55, 9-56, as amended by [~~this act~~] public act 26-1, and 9-57:

54 (i) In the case of an unaffiliated elector who wishes to vote during the
55 period of early voting at a primary, such elector shall be eligible to so
56 vote if such elector's application for enrollment with the political party
57 holding such primary is filed with the registrars of voters by twelve
58 o'clock noon on the business day immediately preceding the day on
59 which such period of early voting commences.

60 (ii) In the case of a person who is not admitted as an elector and who
61 wishes to vote during the period of early voting at a primary, such
62 person shall be eligible to so vote if such person's application for
63 admission as an elector and enrollment with the political party holding
64 such primary is filed with the registrars of voters by twelve o'clock noon
65 on the business day immediately preceding the day during such period
66 of early voting on which such person offers to vote at such primary.

67 (B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an individual
68 who enrolls in a political party during a period of early voting at a
69 primary from voting by absentee ballot [~~, if eligible,~~] or in person on the
70 day of such primary."

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

Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	9-163aa(a)
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