

**Bill History**  
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**Introducer(s):**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTION PROCESSES.

**Statement of Purpose:** To (1) provide a mechanism for determining early voting locations when registrars of voters are unable to agree thereon, (2) modify the deadlines by which registrars of voters certify information regarding early voting and same-day election registration locations to the Secretary of the State and allow amendments to such certifications with notice to the Secretary, (3) eliminate the use of envelopes for early voting ballots and allow such ballots to be deposited directly into voting tabulators after being marked, (4) require registrars of voters to submit to the Secretary information regarding early voting and same-day election registration moderators, (5) prohibit early voting and same-day election registration officials from engaging in certain partisan activities on days for which they are appointed to serve, (6) align the provisions for appointment of same-day election registration officials with those for appointment of early voting officials, (7) amend a provision regarding the attachment of party enrollment privileges for consistency with prior changes, (8) prohibit registrars of voters from appointing as moderators certain persons with criminal backgrounds, (9) expand certain post-election procedures for the correction of returns to all towns rather than just those divided into voting districts, (10) provide for notice to the Secretary in certain matters relating to state or federal voting rights, (11) allow for the correction of errors or omissions of timely filed endorsement, nominating or other candidacy-related certificates that would operate to invalidate such certificates if not corrected, (12) provide for the Secretary's preapproval of town's ballots and authority to order corrections in case of omissions or errors, (13) during the ninety days prior to an election or primary, allow the Secretary to go to Superior Court to seek a declaratory judgment on behalf of electors alleging aggrievement, (14) require absentee ballot counters to maintain a log of rejected absentee ballots, (15) for discrepancy recanvasses, (A) require that all districts in a municipality be examined and not just the district in which the discrepancy was found, and (B) allow one party representative to communicate directly with the moderator, (16) exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act all ballots cast at elections, primaries and referenda, and (17) for voter registration information, (A) limit disclosure of birth date information to just the year, and (B) limit use of such information to election-related, scholarly, journalistic, political or governmental purposes.

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