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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
6 each state election in each town not divided into voting districts and the
7 head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
8 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each of
9 the following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
10 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
11 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
12 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters

13 when said officers are to be chosen, as reported solely by the tabulator,
14 as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town and shall
15 immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of the State
16 not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary list has
17 been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator shall make
18 a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for each of the
19 following officers: Presidential electors, Governor, Lieutenant
20 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney
21 General, United States senator, representative in Congress, state
22 senator, judge of probate, state representative and registrars of voters
23 when said officers are to be chosen. Such duplicate list shall indicate the
24 total number of names on the official check list of such town and the
25 total number of names checked as having voted. The moderator shall
26 transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State by electronic
27 means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later than forty-
28 eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The moderator
29 shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the Secretary of
30 the State not later than the third day after the election, and shall attach
31 to such duplicate list all tabular tapes and vote tally sheets relating to
32 the vote results contained on such duplicate list. Any such moderator
33 who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the Secretary of
34 the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of fifty dollars.
35 The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists to the clerk
36 of such town. The Secretary of the State shall (1) enter the returns in
37 tabular form in books kept by the Secretary for that purpose and present
38 a printed report of the same, with the name of, and the total number of
39 votes received by, each of the candidates for said offices, to the General
40 Assembly at its next session, and (2) publish on the Internet web site of
41 the office of the Secretary of the State digital scans of all such tabular
42 tapes and vote tally sheets.

43 (b) As used in this subsection, "moderator" means the moderator of
44 each municipal election in each town not divided into voting districts,
45 and the head moderator in each town divided into voting districts. The
46 moderator shall make a preliminary list of the votes given for each

47 municipal office elected at such municipal election, as reported solely
 48 by the tabulator, as provided in section 9-309, in the moderator's town
 49 and shall immediately transmit such preliminary list to the Secretary of
 50 the State not later than midnight on election day. Once the preliminary
 51 list has been transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the moderator
 52 shall make a duplicate list of the votes given in the moderator's town for
 53 each municipal office elected at such municipal election. Such duplicate
 54 list shall indicate the total number of names on the official check list of
 55 such town and the total number of names checked as having voted and
 56 shall be on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State. The
 57 moderator shall transmit such duplicate list to the Secretary of the State
 58 by electronic means as prescribed by the Secretary of the State not later
 59 than forty-eight hours after the close of the polls on election day. The
 60 moderator shall also seal and deliver one of such duplicate lists to the
 61 Secretary of the State not later than the third day after the election, and
 62 shall attach to such duplicate list all tabular tapes and vote tally sheets
 63 relating to the vote results contained on such duplicate list. Any such
 64 moderator who fails to so transmit or deliver such duplicate list to the
 65 Secretary of the State by the time required shall pay a late filing fee of
 66 fifty dollars. The moderator shall also deliver one of such duplicate lists
 67 to the clerk of such town. The Secretary of the State shall also publish on
 68 the Internet web site of the office of the Secretary of the State digital
 69 scans of all such tabular tapes and vote tally sheets."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	9-314