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Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

***AN ACT REQUIRING HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE VOTER
REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-19h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2021*):

3 (a) The Department of Social Services, the Labor Department, [and]
4 the Department of Motor Vehicles and housing authorities, as defined
5 in section 8-39, shall make voter registration information and materials
6 available to the public. Such information and materials shall be placed
7 in public areas of the offices of such departments and authorities. The
8 State Library and the libraries of the state's public institutions of higher
9 education shall also make such information and materials available to
10 users of the libraries. The Secretary of the State shall provide such
11 departments, such housing authorities, such libraries and any libraries
12 open to the public with suitable nonpartisan literature, materials and
13 voter registration application forms authorized under sections 9-23g
14 and 9-23h. The secretary shall also provide to the Department of Social
15 Services, the Labor Department, [and] the Department of Motor

16 Vehicles and each housing authority any furniture needed to display
17 such literature, materials and forms.

18 (b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section,
19 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, not later than January 1, 1994, shall
20 include an application for the admission of an elector with each
21 application form provided for a motor vehicle operator's license and a
22 motor vehicle operator's license renewal, which are issued under
23 subpart (B) of part III of chapter 246, and with each application form
24 provided for an identity card issued under section 1-1h. Such
25 application form for the admission of an elector (1) shall be subject to
26 the approval of the Secretary of the State, (2) shall not include any
27 provisions for the witnessing of the application, and (3) shall contain a
28 statement that (A) specifies each eligibility requirement, (B) contains an
29 attestation that the applicant meets each such requirement, and (C)
30 requires the signature of the applicant under penalty of perjury. The
31 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall accept any such completed
32 application for admission which is submitted in person or by mail. The
33 applicant shall state on such form, under penalty of perjury, the
34 applicant's name, bona fide residence address, date of birth, whether the
35 applicant is a United States citizen, party enrollment, if any, prior voting
36 address, if registered previously, and that the applicant's privileges as
37 an elector are not forfeited by reason of conviction of a felony. No Social
38 Security number on any such application form for the admission of an
39 elector filed prior to January 1, 2000, may be disclosed to the public or
40 to any governmental agency. The commissioner shall indicate on each
41 such form the date of receipt of such application to ensure that any
42 eligible applicant is registered to vote in an election if it is received by
43 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the last day for registration to
44 vote in an election. The commissioner shall provide the applicant with
45 an application receipt, on a form approved by the Secretary of the State
46 and on which the commissioner shall record the date that the
47 commissioner received the application, using an official date stamp
48 bearing the words "Department of Motor Vehicles". The commissioner
49 shall provide such receipt whether the application was submitted in

50 person or by mail. The commissioner shall forthwith transmit the
51 application to the registrars of voters of the applicant's town of
52 residence. If a registration application is accepted within five days
53 before the last day for registration to vote in a regular election, the
54 application shall be transmitted to the registrars of voters of the town of
55 voting residence of the applicant not later than five days after the date
56 of acceptance. The procedures in subsections (c), (d), (f) and (g) of
57 section 9-23g which are not inconsistent with the National Voter
58 Registration Act of 1993, P.L. 103-31, as amended from time to time,
59 shall apply to applications made under this section. The commissioner
60 is not an admitting official and may not restore, under the provisions of
61 section 9-46a, electoral privileges of persons convicted of a felony.

62 (c) On and after January 1, 2021, each housing authority shall provide,
63 at the time an individual applies for or has been accepted for admission
64 to a housing authority residential unit, and at the annual recertification
65 of such individual's household, an application for admission as an
66 elector to each member of such individual's household who is eligible
67 to apply for admission as an elector pursuant to section 9-12. A housing
68 authority shall assist any individual who requests assistance in
69 completing the application form.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2021	9-19h

Statement of Purpose:

To require housing authorities to provide prospective tenants with voter registration applications.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]