

House Bill No. 5308

Public Act No. 24-34

AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES.

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

Section 1. Section 9-150c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

An applicant who applies for an absentee ballot because of unforeseen illness or physical disability occurring within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or referendum or because the applicant is a patient in a hospital or nursing home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490, within such six-day period, may appoint a designee, as defined in subsection (b) of section 9-140b, to deliver the ballot to [him] the applicant, by stating on the application, in a space provided for that purpose, (1) the date of occurrence of the illness or disability or the name and address of the hospital or nursing home in which the applicant is a patient within such six-day period, (2) the name, address and category under [said] subsection [,] (b) of section 9-140b of the person so designated, and (3) the delivery which the person is designated to perform, provided the person so designated shall also sign a statement on the application to the effect that [he] <u>such person</u> consents to the designation and will perform the delivery without tampering with the ballot in any way. If

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the application designates a person to deliver the ballot to the applicant, [that] <u>such</u> person shall personally submit the application to the municipal clerk. If such application is <u>personally</u> submitted to the clerk, [in person,] within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, [or] primary <u>or referendum</u>, by a person designated on the application to deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant as provided in this section and in subsection (b) of [said] section 9-140b, and if [the] <u>such</u> application is dated within such [time] <u>six-day period</u>, the clerk shall give [that] <u>such</u> person the absentee voting set.