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Committee Bill No. 377

LCO No. 5161



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS' USE
OF THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION
SYSTEM.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-50b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "state-wide centralized voter registration
4 system" means a computerized system designed and maintained by the
5 Secretary of the State which includes: (1) Voter registration information
6 prescribed by the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications
7 for admission as electors described in section 9-20, (3) information
8 needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under sections 9-35
9 and 9-54, (4) information required by section 9-50a, and (5) other
10 information for use in complying with the provisions of this title.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall transmit
12 to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector information required
13 by the office to complete the state-wide centralized voter registration
14 system. Each registrar shall transmit such information in a format

15 prescribed by the Secretary. Not later than September 1, 2003, each
16 registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized voter
17 registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary. On and
18 after July 1, 2023, each admitting official, as defined in section 9-17a,
19 shall utilize the state-wide centralized voter registration system
20 whenever carrying out any provision of this title involving the addition
21 or restoration of names to or removal or transfer of names from any
22 active or inactive registry list or enrollment list, the changing of any
23 voter's information on any such list, the checking of absentee ballot
24 applications or returned absentee ballots against any such list or the use
25 of any such list to prepare any materials used by poll workers on the
26 day of an election, primary or referendum.

27 (c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the
28 registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter
29 registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the
30 official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, if they
31 voted in person or by absentee ballot.

32 Sec. 2. Section 9-355 of the general statutes is repealed and the
33 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

34 Any person who, without reasonable cause, neglects to perform any
35 of the duties required of him by the laws relating to elections or
36 primaries and for which neglect no other punishment is provided, and
37 any person who is guilty of fraud in the performance of any such duty,
38 and any person who makes any unlawful alteration in any list required
39 by law, shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars or be
40 imprisoned not more than one year or be both fined and imprisoned.
41 Any official who is convicted of fraud in the performance of any duty
42 imposed upon him by any law relating to the registration or admission
43 of electors or to the conduct of any election shall be disfranchised. Any
44 public officer or any election official upon whom any duty is imposed
45 by part I of chapter 147, [and] section 9-50b, as amended by this act, or
46 sections 9-308 to 9-311, inclusive, who wilfully omits or neglects to

47 perform any such duty or does any act prohibited therein for which
48 punishment is not otherwise provided shall be guilty of a class E felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-50b
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	9-355

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require certain local election officials to utilize the state-wide centralized voter registration system when performing certain duties related to election administration, and (2) provide a penalty for noncompliance with such requirement.

[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.]

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