

SUMMARY OF NO. 23-11

This proposed law would permit eligible citizens to register to vote and cast a ballot at a polling place on the day of a primary or general election; or to register to vote and cast a ballot at an early voting site during the early voting period preceding Election Day.

The proposed law would permit a citizen who is eligible to register to vote to do so in person on Election Day at the polling place assigned to the ward or precinct in which they reside, or in person during the early voting period at an early voting site in their city or town, provided that the citizen:

(a) provides proof of residence; and (b) affirms by written oath that they are a citizen who is eligible to vote, have not and will not cast any other ballot in that election, and that they understand a false representation is punishable by up to five years imprisonment or a \$10,000 fine. To prove their residency, the individual would be required to provide a valid photo identification or other documentation demonstrating the name and address where they maintain residence and seek to register to vote (including, but not limited to, documentation issued by the government or an institute of higher education; a residential lease; a government check or paycheck; or a statement issued by a utility, bank or wireless provider).

If the individual was not able to prove their residence, the proposed law would allow that individual to cast a provisional ballot, which would be counted only if the individual provided the required proof of residency to local election officials within six days of a general election or within two days of a primary election.

The proposed law provides that, upon receipt of credible information or credible allegations concerning illegal registration or illegal voting, the Attorney General or a district attorney would investigate the matter.