

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 128

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 4, strike the second "and"; in line 5, after "measure" insert "; and generally relating to the repeal of provisions relating to an affidavit accompanying an application for an absentee ballot"; and in line 8, after "Section 27-4" insert "and 27-6(a) and (b)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

After line 22, insert:

"27-6.

(a) Upon receipt of an application [containing the affidavit], the board shall reject the application only upon the unanimous vote of the entire board and when rejected shall notify the applicant of the reason therefor if it determines upon inquiry that the applicant is not legally qualified to vote at the election as an absentee voter.

(b) If the applicant is a qualified voter [as stated in his affidavit], the board shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, deliver to him at the office of the board, or mail to him at an address designated by him, an absentee voter's ballot and an envelope therefor. If the applicant is one with respect to whom free postage privileges are provided for by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, or any other federal law, rule, or regulation, the board shall take full advantage of these privileges; in all other instances, postage for transmitting ballot material to voters shall be paid by the board, and postage for the return of ballots shall be paid by the voters. If the ballots are to be sent by mail, the determinations required in subsection (a) of this section shall be made in such time as will allow for the sending and return of the ballots by regular mail, or airmail, depending on the mailing address and including at least one secular day for marking the ballots and completing the affidavit THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED WITH THE BALLOTS. All investigations shall be concluded and any determinations made as to all absentee ballot applications not later than five days before election day."