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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 657
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “list;” insert “requiring certain forms for making an application for an absentee ballot to include certain information and require the voter to make a certain acknowledgement;”; and in line 17, after “9-303” insert “and 9-305”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 4, insert:

“9-305.

(a) An application for an absentee ballot, signed by the voter, may be made:

(1) on a form produced by the local board and supplied to the voter;

(2) on a form provided under federal law; or

(3) in a written request that includes:

(i) the voter’s name and residence address; and

(ii) the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address.

(b) Except for a late application under subsection (c) of this section, an application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board not later than the Tuesday preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines.

(Over)

(c) (1) Beginning on the Wednesday preceding the election, through the closing of the polls on election day, a registered voter or the voter's duly authorized agent may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the office of the local board.

(2) A special application for an absentee ballot issued under this subsection shall be supplied by the staff of the local board to the voter or the voter's duly authorized agent.

(3) The application shall be made under penalty of perjury but without a formal oath.

(4) After review of the application, the staff shall issue an absentee ballot to the voter or the voter's duly authorized agent.

(D) EACH WRITTEN FORM PRODUCED BY THE LOCAL BOARD AND SUPPLIED TO A VOTER FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT SHALL:

(1) INCLUDE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

1. THE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING A VOTER'S QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE AND A VOTER'S ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; AND

2. THE PENALTIES REQUIRED UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE OR VOTING IN VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAW; AND

(2) REQUIRE THAT THE VOTER REQUESTING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION."