

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 252

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Eligible Detainees – Information on Voting Rights” and substitute “Correctional Facilities – Voting Coordinators”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “vote” in line 13 and substitute “requiring each correctional facility to designate an employee to act as the correctional facility’s voting coordinator; requiring the voting coordinator to facilitate voter registration and voting by eligible detainees; requiring the voting coordinator to be responsible for informing eligible detainees of certain information, the dissemination of certain information and applications to eligible detainees, and the certain transmission of certain applications and ballots between eligible detainees at correctional facilities and the local boards of elections; prohibiting a voting coordinator from taking certain actions; requiring each voting coordinator to complete an annual training program conducted by the State Board of Elections concerning the responsibilities of the voting coordinator; defining certain terms; and generally relating to correctional facilities and voting coordinators”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 2 through line 1 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE TO ACT AS THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY’S VOTING COORDINATOR.

(C) THE VOTING COORDINATOR SHALL FACILITATE VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING BY ELIGIBLE DETAINEES.

(D) THE VOTING COORDINATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

(Over)

(1) INFORMING ELIGIBLE DETAINEES OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND HOW THE ELIGIBLE DETAINEES MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE;

(2) THE DISSEMINATION TO ELIGIBLE DETAINEES OF INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS;

(3) THE DISSEMINATION TO ELIGIBLE DETAINEES OF INFORMATION ON ABSENTEE VOTING AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS; AND

(4) THE EFFICIENT TRANSMISSION OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS, ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS BETWEEN ELIGIBLE DETAINEES AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(E) A VOTING COORDINATOR MAY NOT:

(1) SEEK TO INFLUENCE AN ELIGIBLE DETAINEE'S POLITICAL PREFERENCE OR PARTY REGISTRATION;

(2) DISPLAY ANY POLITICAL PREFERENCE OR PARTY ALLEGIANCE; OR

(3) MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO AN ELIGIBLE DETAINEE OR TAKE ANY ACTION THE PURPOSE OR EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO LEAD AN ELIGIBLE DETAINEE TO BELIEVE THAT A DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO REGISTER, VOTE, OR SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CANDIDATE OR QUESTION ON THE BALLOT HAS ANY

EFFECT ON THE ELIGIBLE DETAINEE'S TREATMENT BY THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(F) EACH VOTING COORDINATOR SHALL COMPLETE AN ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE STATE BOARD CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOTING COORDINATOR UNDER THIS SECTION."