

**HB0568/895162/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 568

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Mosby,” insert “Bartlett,”; in the same line, strike “Bartlett,”; in line 3, strike “the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services” and substitute “each correctional facility to disseminate certain written information directly to each eligible voter regarding voter registration and absentee voting and certain applications and provide an absentee ballot to an eligible voter on request; requiring the State Board of Elections and the local boards of elections to provide correctional facilities with certain written materials to disseminate to eligible voters and certain advice and guidance; requiring the State Board of Elections to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Department”; in line 4, after the first “a” insert “State”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “Assembly,” in line 16; in line 17, after “a” insert “State”; and in line 21, after “2-501” insert “and 2-502”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

**“(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) “CORRECTIONAL FACILITY” MEANS A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

**(3) “ELIGIBLE VOTER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:**

(Over)

(I) IS INCARCERATED IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND

(II) HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER STATE LAW.

(B) EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL:

(1) DISSEMINATE WRITTEN INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO EACH ELIGIBLE VOTER ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE EACH ELECTION;

(2) DISSEMINATE WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY TO EACH ELIGIBLE VOTER ON ABSENTEE VOTING AND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER BEFORE EACH ELECTION; AND

(3) PROVIDE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO AN ELIGIBLE VOTER IF REQUESTED BY THE ELIGIBLE VOTER.

(C) THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND THE LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WITH:

(1) WRITTEN MATERIALS TO DISSEMINATE TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) ADVICE AND GUIDANCE IN CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 EACH YEAR, THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING DATA, DISAGGREGATED BY EACH STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:

(1) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE; AND

(2) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO VOTED SUCCESSFULLY BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 13, after “A” insert “STATE”.

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 2 through line 8 on page 4, inclusive.