

HB1048/223023/1

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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1048, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, after “**List**” insert “**and Interim Study**”; in line 9, strike “requiring a voter to specify in”; strike beginning with “absentee” in line 9 down through “election;” in line 12; in lines 13 and 14, strike “or uses any method to request to receive a blank absentee ballot”; in line 28, after “address;” insert “requiring the State Board, in consultation with local boards, to complete a certain study and report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and in line 29, after “list” insert “and a study by the State Board of Elections on sending ballots and communications by electronic means”.

On page 1 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments (HB1048/975260/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, strike “a certain”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3 of the bill, in line 21, strike “**(D)**”; in the same line, strike “**A VOTER SHALL SPECIFY IN**”; in the same line, strike “**ABSENTEE BALLOT**”; in line 22, strike “**APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION**”; in the same line, strike “**OF THIS**”; and strike in their entirety lines 23 through 28, inclusive.

On page 1 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments, in line 8 of Amendment No. 2, strike “AN”; and in line 9, strike “(B)”.

On page 4 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 6, inclusive; in line 7, strike “**(E)**” and substitute “(D)”; in lines 9 and 10, strike “**OR WHO USES ANY METHOD TO REQUEST TO RECEIVE A BLANK ABSENTEE BALLOT THROUGH THE INTERNET**”; in lines 12 and 15, strike “**(F)**” and “**(G)**”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively; in lines 18 and 19, strike “**USING THE METHOD CHOSEN BY**”.

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THE VOTER UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “BY NONFORWARDABLE MAIL”; and strike in their entirety lines 30 and 31, inclusive.

On page 5 of the bill, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive; in lines 4, 6, 15, and 23, strike “(H)”, “(I)”, “(J)”, and “(K)”, respectively, and substitute “(G)”, “(H)”, “(I)”, and “(J)”, respectively; in line 4, after “BALLOT” insert “BY NONFORWARDABLE MAIL”; and after line 30, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Board of Elections, in consultation with local boards of elections, shall study the financial, technological, staffing, and security implications of:

(1) delivering absentee ballots through e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic methods; and

(2) communicating with voters through text message, e-mail, or other electronic methods.

(b) On or before December 1, 2021, the State Board of Elections shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

On page 6 of the bill, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “June”.