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Support HB939

**Elections – Absentee Ballots – Mailing of Unrequested
Ballots**

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- This bill would prohibit the State Board of Elections, local boards of elections, and municipalities from mailing an absentee ballot to any voter who has not requested an absentee ballot.
- We saw first-hand the disaster of mailing unrequested ballots in the 2020 election cycle.
- Ballots were mailed to addresses where voters had not lived for years, and ballots were mailed to the deceased. Vendor problems delayed ballots being mailed on time to certain parts of the state.
- It is also now easier than ever to request an absentee ballot, so the premise of mass mailing unrequested ballots is no longer needed.