

Bill History
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Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 491

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Introducer(s):

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

Statement of Purpose: To implement the Secretary of the State's recommendations for implementation of no-excuse absentee voting, including provisions regarding (1) removal of the statutory restrictions on absentee voting, (2) distribution of absentee ballot applications, (3) use of a single envelope and other aspects of returning absentee ballots, (4) ability to cure absentee ballots in cases where voters have not signed the statement on the return envelope, and (5) tracking of absentee ballots and applications throughout the process.

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Co-sponsor(s):

Rep. Kadeem Roberts, 137th Dist. Rep. Josh Elliott, 88th Dist.