

Subject Mail balloting
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Overview

This bill eliminates an existing restriction that limits the use of mail balloting to only qualifying towns and cities located outside of a metropolitan-area county. If enacted, the bill would authorize all cities with fewer than 400 registered voters, and all towns of any size, to conduct elections entirely by mail regardless of their geographic location.

Registered voters living in a jurisdiction that conducts elections by mail are automatically mailed a ballot prior to each election. These ballots may be returned either by mail, or by in-person delivery to any location designated by the county auditor or municipal clerk. Voters in mail balloting jurisdictions who are not registered may apply for a ballot following the general procedures applicable to absentee voting.