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## Overview

This act modifies the form of the uniformed and overseas voter absentee ballot return envelope, prohibits certain activities by political parties, and adjusts the timing for submission of presidential election nominees to the secretary of state.

- 1 Back of return envelope.** Currently if an overseas or military absentee voter signs the required oath but fails to write the date next to the signature, the absentee ballot is rejected for failure to conform to the requirements of the law. This section eliminates the requirement that the voter provide the date.  
  
This section is effective June 29, 2012, which coincides with the first day of the absentee voting period for the 2012 state primary election.
- 2 Nomination of presidential electors.** Modifies the timing for a political party to submit the names of presidential electors and candidates for president and vice president to the secretary of state.
- 3 Prohibited activities of a political party.** Prohibits a political party unit from imposing or threatening to impose a fine, sanction, or other penalty as a means to prevent a non-endorsed individual from filing as a candidate for office.