

**H.F. 1603**

As amended by H1603DE2

Subject Elections

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**Summary**

This bill, as amended by the H1603DE2 amendment, authorizes the secretary of state to direct that the 2020 state primary and state general elections be conducted primarily by mail. The standards and procedure provided in current law for conducting a mail election, which currently is an option for certain towns and small cities located outside of the metropolitan area, would apply to these elections, as would all other existing laws and rules governing the election process.

The H1603A13 amendment makes clear that the secretary of state is permitted to include specific requirements related to polling place closures and the availability of vote centers as part of the secretary's mail balloting directions.